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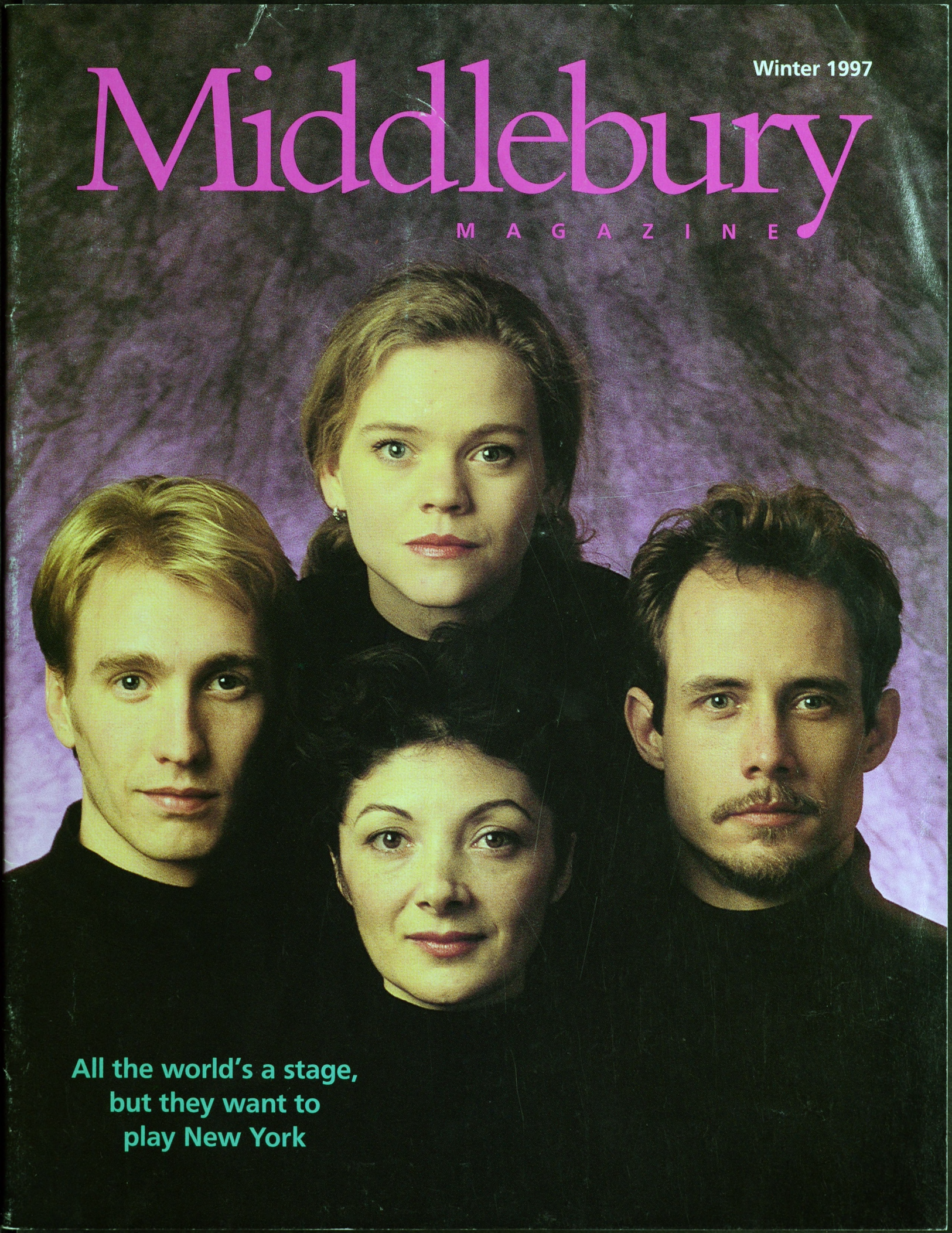

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IN HER ELEMENT: COLD, WET, AND HAPPY

Sallie Sheldon is certainly in the right field. Or the right stream, to be more exact. This biologist who specializes in lake biology grew up in Minnesota on a large lake—if you ask her, it sounds more like she grew up *in* the lake, and since then all of her major educational and professional gigs have traversed the northern latitudes. She got her B.A. and M.S. at SUNY, Buffalo; her Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota; and then on to the University of Washington for post doc.

Sheldon is most comfortable out of doors, and, if there's water around, she's likely to be in it. Snow also seems to resonate deeply with her. For purposes of the magazine photograph (page 16), she eagerly volunteered to sit directly in the snow or on an ice-covered rock in Otter Creek. She admits that students in her spring 100-level ecology course get a big kick out of watching their professor crunch through an icy stream in her sandals. And she was truly in her element during a recent scientific expedition to Resolute, Canada (at the magnetic North Pole), where she studied polar bears. It was often minus 40 degrees. It was so cold that she even wore a coat sometimes.

But not the day we photographed her. It was snowing lightly, the temperature had peaked in the high twenties, and Sheldon showed up in jeans, a flannel shirt, and sneakers. By the end of the shoot she had taken her shoes off and plunged her feet into Otter Creek (granted, at our perversely fascinated request).

While she seems ideally suited, mentally and physically, to her work, Sheldon would be the first to admit that work isn't everything. As uninhibited as she feels about, say, jumping into ice water, she is rather less relaxed when it comes to more traditionally lower-latitude activities, like gospel singing, for example. In the spirit of self-improvement she has recently begun singing with a group and she laughs at her fellow singers' efforts to loosen her up. She says they've been known to actually give her hips a shove to try and get her into the groove.

She may have a tough time *getting down* indoors and on land, but she's made some beautiful music beneath the surface of Lake Bomoseen (see story, page 16). ■ *RM*

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Ex-GIs Still Unique

Bernie [Bernard Z. Friedlander '50] was so right in his letter to the editor [fall 1996]. I remember him and Sheldon Flory '50, as well as John Walsh '51, as being part of a literary group that I wanted to be a part of. But living off campus, married, and with two daughters by the time graduation came around, plus working after classes with Storrs Lee '28 and later with Stevie Freeman, there was never enough time to be a part of campus life that I wanted, almost desperately at times, to share.

But as a group of ex-GIs I think we were unique to Midd's history. There is no question that we changed the whole complexion, content, methodology, and meaning of a Middlebury education. We came for learning, not just a degree nor the prestige of a college diploma. We challenged our mentors, and for a goodly number of the faculty became thorns in their academic sides, with our refusal to accept pat statements.

I'm thankful for a fine education that has continued until today, and I think the Classes of '50 and '51 with their advanced age and wartime experience did much to ensure a better education for succeeding classes.

While I did not become rich or famous, I have lived a rich and satisfying life because of Midd. Now at 81 (I think I was referred to as the oldest living undergraduate during my years there), I'm retired, yes, from teaching; inactive, NO! I am busier now than ever in community affairs, with volunteer work that counts, with a second book on local history, and enjoying the benefits of nearby NYC's theatre and music, as well as the many, too many in fact, cultural offerings of this wonderful town I live in.

Perhaps not as individuals, but certainly as a collection of them, our contributions and achievements would/should be of interest and benefit to others. Thanks for the memories that will surely plague my sleep this night.

Frank Nicholson '51
Greenwich, Connecticut

Older Alums Not Resting on Laurels

I vigorously second the comments of Bernard Z. Friedlander in the fall 1996 issue of *Middlebury Magazine*. There is a lot more to the Middlebury alumni than "Media People" and many of the older alumni are not retired, comfortably or otherwise.

Sanders (Sandy) D. Rosenberg '48, Ph.D.
Sacramento, California

'29 Wake-Up Call

Wake up, guys and gals. It's time to go to class. Look at your *Kaleidoscope* and Midd directory and you'll find some '29ers—Glory be! Noise-maker canes. Don't forget to take one or two with you when you go out. Snow time soon, but remember the 1927 Vermont Flood! Otter Creek took care of the excess. . . . This guy played the bass drum with the cymbal attached in the marching band. No place for a small guy.

Sister Marjory J. Lewis '24 has passed through the gates. There's room for more . . . Bert Nylen '30, roommate, sure knew his chemistry. "Hail to thee, blithe spirit."

Johnnie (Morris T.) Johnson '29
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Among 10 Priciest

I have always shied from writing to an editor, because a good percentage of such letters are of an adverse, critical nature. So, I'm sorry to be classed with that group but must add a word to the probable several who might be writing, hopefully, in similar voice on this topic. It pertains to the September [1996] *Money Magazine* article on 1,115 colleges, being rated on several points. The disturbing stat to me was Middlebury's only claim to fame (other than class one academically with many others) was to be in the top 10 priciest colleges, which information was listed in a special column! Admittedly there are other happier stats, but this was a painful standout, especially when but a few dollars less would have avoided this infamous column.

Bert Mac Fadden '39
Kingston, New York

McKinney was Mentor

I was shocked and saddened to read in the [fall 1996] *Midd Magazine* of Arnold McKinney's passing. Arnold ['70] was a mentor for me and many other African-American students attending Middlebury in the seventies. He (and his wife Karen) provided us with support, guidance, and friendship without expecting anything in return. It's so ironic that Arnold spent the last years of his life in Waycross, Georgia. I relocated to Atlanta in 1991, and I really wish I could have reconnected with him. This has inspired me to get in contact with other Midd classmates that I've lost touch with over the years.

Linda C. Dozier-Jones '78
Atlanta, Georgia

Vietnam Legacy Continues

Karl Lindholm's article "Vietnam: The Next Generation" [*Middlebury Magazine,* fall 1996] is an insightful look at the ongoing struggle still facing many of the victims of the Vietnam war—namely the orphaned children. Mr. Lindholm brought to life the conflicts of those maturing young adults who are coming to terms with their dual-culture identity. This past spring I studied in Germany with Kara Delahunt, one of the students highlighted in the article. I was not, however, aware of her close brush with tragedy, which she narrowly escaped by being on the second, successful flight of orphans to America. During my time abroad I also befriended a Vietnamese student who was adopted by a German social worker after her parents were killed during the war. Through her eyes, I too was able to experience the hardships fought by these victims of war.

Jonathan M. Morgan '96
Memphis, Tennessee

Crossfire in Letters

Churlish or charming is right! Here we are, about to open the magazine and

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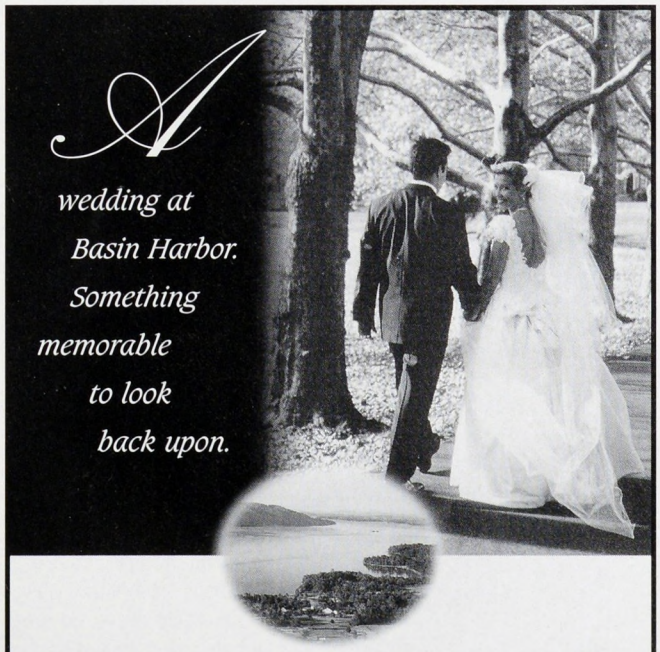

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the letters come roaring at us as if we are watching "Crossfire." I am as ready for a good debate as the next alum, and as a career prosecutor I can truly appreciate that life is full of battles, but this was a bit much. I can understand the desire for a grandchild to make certain that attribution is appropriately placed at her ancestor's feet. However, between the confusing criticism of one professor's thoughtful article by a peer who claimed that Robert Frost was wholly uncaring about the significance of the environment, and the recent graduate who is anxious for the magazine to give us some hard hitting journalism (covering the "very tough crap") it appears that some people are a bit too taken with themselves to enjoy the memories of Middlebury that the magazine seeks to evoke. Since this is my 20th reunion year, I feel entitled to weigh in with my own view. Actually, it is from Robert Frost, one that has a clear meaning for those who find it necessary to make even the greenest mountains a nice gloomy shade: "No tears in the writer, no tears in the reader." Why don't we let the magazine bring some smiles in this very complex and serious world.

Jay Shapiro '77
Mount Kisco, New York

Guy Gets It Right

As I read through the fall 1996 issue of *Middlebury Magazine*, I was thinking how boring the publication

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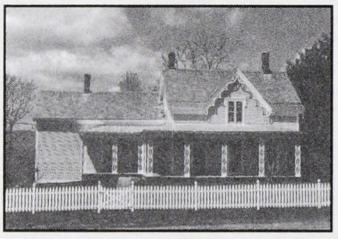

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had become, but I couldn't pinpoint why. Three cheers to Guy Kettelhack '73 for taking my thoughts and putting his words to them! The blandness he describes is exemplified by the fact that the editor chose not to respond to his remarks except for an offhanded remark in the editorial end-plea that our views are wanted, whether they be "churlish or charming." How many alumni have become like me, quickly turn to their own class listing to see if there's any worthwhile news about a classmate or two and then toss the magazine?
Peter M. Kristoph '76
New York, New York

Rather than correspond with the churlish AND charming Guy Kettlehack in the pages of the magazine, I wrote him personally. —Ed.

Rose-Colored Glasses
In response to both Bernard Friedlander's '50 and Guy Kettelhack's '73 letters submitted to the fall issue regarding the content of our *Middlebury Magazine,* as a fairly recent alumnus I admit my elation in reading articles about the successes of our Midd family (and the inherent prestige which it gives to the College), yet I agree with these alumni's points of view wholeheartedly. If we are indeed a family spanning three generations, then shouldn't the award-winning reflections on ourselves be representative of ALL we experience and embrace, not just what is rose-colored? Including the individual and collective challenges and accomplishments, as well as defeats, of our older alumni and also of alumni groups representing several decades in one field or region of the country or world would certainly add to the well-roundedness of us all. This could certainly make the difference between the Silver award from CASE, and the Gold.
Bruce Silverman '92
Phoenix, Arizona

Mag Inspires Pride
Just a quick note from one who has read the magazine cover-to-cover every time since graduation in 1980. I like the current style *much* better. I used to be mortified by the controversies articulated ad nauseam in the letters to editor, especially about fraternities. This magazine now makes me feel good about Middlebury, and, yes, I think that it is an appropriate mission for you to have and, yes, I have started donating to the College again.
Melissa Anderson '80
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Darn Good Mag
No, Bob Peskin, not "every reader" turns to the class notes first. Not in fall 1996 anyway. When an alumnus starts out on page 2 and reads every page *before* checking the class notes, then it must be a darn good magazine. I did, and it is.
Marshall Sewell '37
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UPHILL DOWNHILL

A New Home for the Sciences

Architects are refining drawings for Bicentennial Hall, an academic building that will house classrooms, laboratories, a science library, and faculty offices for the departments of biology, chemistry and biochemistry, geography, geology, physics, and psychology. It will also include a greenhouse, an observatory, and many informal learning spaces. Ground breaking on the ridge south of Freeman International Center is expected later this year. ■

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

Poet and professor Herbert Woodward Martin (BLSE '72) is bringing poet Paul Laurence Dunbar back to life through readings and re-creations. Martin performs in costume, using dialect and song to communicate the words of the poet, who is widely believed to be the first American black poet to achieve national prominence.

Martin himself has published four books of poetry; has just completed a text composed of letters and speeches of African-American slaves; and is at work on "Langston and Company," a dramatic reading of poems and short stories by and about Langston Hughes. Professor of English and poet-in-residence at the University of Dayton, Martin recently received two awards: the Bjorson Award for achievement in the humanities, and an Opus Award for literature and performance. ■

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Call me a slug, but waking at 6 a.m. and plunging into a pond isn't my idea of a fabulous summer experience. It never was; not even when I was a 10-year-old camper. It turns out there are lots of kids who'd prefer spending those lazy, crazy days glued to a computer and surfing the Web rather than surfing the waves. Jim Beach '89 and Doug Murphy '89 have just the camp for them.

Their company, American Computer Experience, began offering such camps three years ago with small programs at Stanford and MIT. This past summer over 1,100 children signed up for their computer camps at seven universities. The kids come from all over the world and are of all computer competencies: "We have beginners to advanced kids who knock your socks off. Fourteen-year-old geniuses and 10 year olds who have never even used a computer," says Murphy.

In addition to traditional camp opportunities (there is swimming, but all sports are optional), the children, between the ages of 7 and 16, learn some pretty complex computer programming and have the opportunity to practice their skills creating Web sites, screen savers, and learning programs such as Pascal and HTML.

Murphy admits he didn't know much about computers when they started ("I've had about 30 different jobs from sales to bartending to playing in a band"), but when he fell into this opportunity, he knew a good thing when he saw it. The rest is cyber history. Beach credits Middlebury with a lot of their success: "Parents, friends, connections at Midd have been invaluable." ■

Opening doors for grads

Carla Mortensen says she could have used a career counselor back when she was graduating from Occidental College in 1976. So she is going to make sure no student at Middlebury suffers, as she did, from "a lack of valuable information at a critical point in my life." Mortensen, who assumes the position of executive director of career services in March, comes from Duke University, where she has been the assistant director of career services at the Furqua School of Business.

Mortensen has graduate degrees from Harvard Divinity School, UCLA School of Education, and Simmons School of Business. She's worked at Harvard in career services, continuing education, and as deputy director of the department of health policy and management.

One of Mortensen's goals at Middlebury is to redirect the office's energies into information technology and alumni networking. "Middlebury is fortunate in having extremely talented, involved alums. We'll design new programs for them, as well as build on existing networks and clubs."

Why is this work so crucial? "Parents feel that after a huge investment of time and money, there be a significant return." ■

Carla Mortensen

Ms. Mortensen photograph by Ken Burris

MESSENGER OF CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING

GIFT HELPS BUILD THE FUTURE AT MIDD

Louis Marx, Jr., College trustee and father of two Middlebury graduates, has given the College $5 million, one of the largest gifts Middlebury has ever received. The contribution will be used to support the sciences in Bicentennial Hall, a major new academic facility that will be built within the next few years.

The gift is especially important because it helps the College meet a 1995 challenge grant from trustee Betty Ashbury Jones (M.A. French '86) and her husband David. Because their gift of $5 million needs to be matched by two other $5-million gifts, President McCardell noted, "Louis Marx's gift takes us halfway to meeting that challenge."

Referring to the extraordinary fact of two $5-million gifts within a relatively short period of time, McCardell said, "We are immensely gratified that two Middlebury College trustees have joined together in such a magnanimous way to show their support for this institution and its future." ■

On a dark night in 1944, Simon Barenbaum paced warily along a country road in the south of German-occupied France. He was an 18-year-old Jew outside of his hiding place, armed only with his knowledge of the English language, on his way to meet the first American paratroopers to cross enemy lines.

"The guy I was with carried a Tommy gun under his coat, but I had nothing," says Barenbaum with a shrug. "I knew nothing of guns and weapons."

The two young men met a contingent of Americans marching two by two up the road that led from the Mediterranean Sea. Barenbaum, a harmless-looking kid wearing a khaki Boy Scout uniform, greeted the soldiers nervously in English.

"I think I said something like: 'Take me to your leader.'"

Barenbaum guided the American troops to the German stronghold outside the town of Aix-en-Provence, successfully completing his first mission for the French underground. After the war, he served as an interpreter for American and French officials and in 1950 immigrated to the U.S. He eventually became a professor at Middlebury where he taught French for 20 years.

Now retired from teaching, Barenbaum continues his work as cultural ambassador. He hosts a weekly French language radio show, annually updates a comprehensive French travel guide to Montreal, produces educational videotapes for American students of French, and compiles a monthly newsletter of French cultural events for Francophiles in Vermont and Montreal. He also visits libraries and schools across New England to talk about his experiences in World War II. In his spare time, Barenbaum takes ambitious bicycle trips in the U.S., Canada, and Europe.

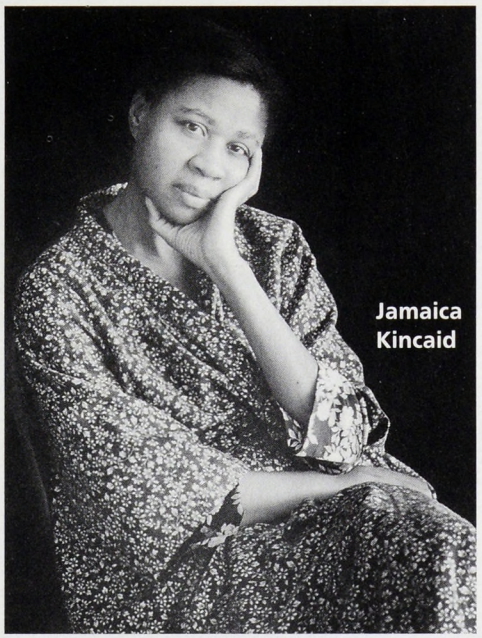
"In many ways my life has been a sort of circle," says Barenbaum. "I didn't plan it that way, but my objective has been to open windows—to create an exchange and foster understanding." ■

Photograph by Bob Handelman

Dead white men, live black mothers, King James, and Jamaica Kincaid

It was so totally unexpected: Jamaica Kincaid, the hypnotic writer who takes her readers into dark, sinuous worlds, is riotously funny. During her appearance at Middlebury, the audience cracked up time and again as the author told anecdotes like, "Once, as a punishment when I was bad, I was made to copy passages from *Paradise Lost*. Of course, it had the opposite effect. I identified with Lucifer."

But in spite of the jokes, she is dead serious about writing: "It's life that interferes with writing. I'm always writing," she said. Kincaid considers herself lucky to be able to earn her living writing and talking about her writing. "I grew up thinking I would be a servant of some kind. I would have been one of those terrible servants who puts arsenic in your medicine," she said.


Jamaica Kincaid

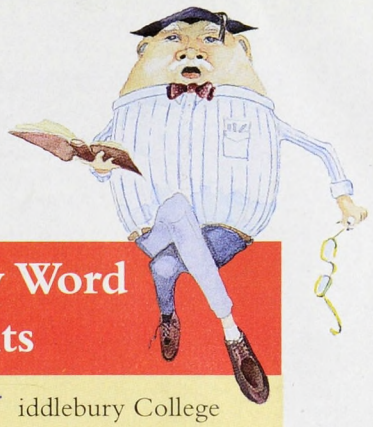
She also grew up reading the King James version of the Bible, Shakespeare, and books by a lot of "dead, white men" for whom she still feels sorry because they couldn't help being dead or white. The only 20th-century book she read before age 19 was D.H. Lawrence's *Lady Chatterley's Lover,* "but I didn't know it was a serious book. I read the good parts—two or three pages. That's a lot of reading to get to the good parts." Other modern writing was not available to her, she said. "I did not know people had continued to write past the Victorian era."

Often her writing is about mothers. "I'm writing always about the relationship between the powerful and powerless." In her West Indian culture, she explained, "you know who you are because of who your mother is. Fathers come and go." She believes the mother's importance is characteristic of people without land, displaced people, such as her ancestors brought across the ocean as slaves.

"Why do you write?" asked one student. "I can't help myself. I can't do anything else," she replied. "What's your biggest challenge in writing?" asked another. "Finishing."

A professor inquired whether she thought writing could be taught. Kincaid responded with gratitude to William Shawn, the remarkable longtime editor of the *New Yorker,* where she says she learned to write. "He taught me to hear my own voice. I guess everybody learns what they need."

Kincaid talked about her lessening vulnerability to bad reviews—"Now I consider everyone who doesn't like my writing a perfectly ridiculous ass"—and with impeccable timing, knew the exact moment to stop the questions, and take her leave of the appreciative Middlebury audience. ■



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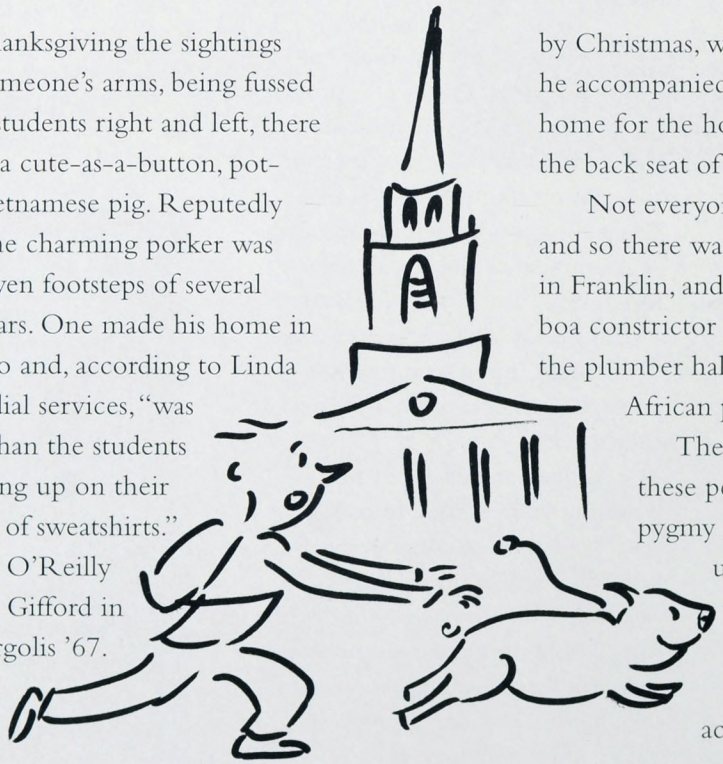

Right after Thanksgiving the sightings began. In someone's arms, being fussed over by students right and left, there it undoubtedly was: a cute-as-a-button, pot-bellied miniature Vietnamese pig. Reputedly living in Pearsons, the charming porker was following in the cloven footsteps of several impressive pig forbears. One made his home in Davis a few years ago and, according to Linda Ross, head of custodial services, "was neater and sweeter than the students he lived with—curling up on their sofa under a big pile of sweatshirts."

Another, named O'Reilly Gray, lived briefly in Gifford in 1966 with Gary Margolis '67. O'Reilly Gray grew and prospered and by Christmas, weighing in at over 200 pounds, he accompanied Margolis and his girlfriend home for the holidays to Long Island (sedated in the back seat of their blue Ford Falcon).

Not everyone hankers after a pig, however, and so there was Addison the prairie dog down in Franklin, and the ferret in Forest, one year a boa constrictor lived in Milliken (until it scared the plumber half to death), and recently an African porcupine has arrived.

The College doesn't actually sanction these pets, but who can resist a cute little pygmy goat or flying squirrel? When unregistered, uncaged pets are discovered by authorities, the College often helps "relocate" them to more appropriate accommodations. ■

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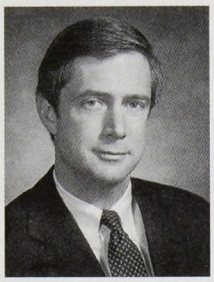

President's Perspective

by John M. McCardell, Jr.

RELIGIOUS INQUIRY AND OBSERVATION ON CAMPUS

For almost 200 years, Middlebury has been known as "the College on the hill." For much of the 19th century, that hill was dominated by the College chapel, now Old Chapel, which served not only as the center of campus life, but also as a symbol of the religious tradition that, from the institution's birth, gave it shape and meaning. Though never formally affiliated with any particular denomination, Middlebury College held daily chapel services, and all of its presidents in the 19th century were ordained ministers.

In 1915 the College expanded westward, and a higher hill came to be occupied by Mead Memorial Chapel. Visible from great distances, the illuminated spire of Mead evokes memory and symbolizes tradition. Over the entrance is inscribed the scriptural admonition, "The Strength of the Hills Is His Also." Generations of Middlebury alumni hold fond recollections of Mead: lectures, concerts, baccalaureate, graduation (until 1937 for undergraduates and to this day for the Language Schools), and, until 1961, compulsory chapel.

The decade of the 1960s brought great change to college campuses. Even so, the tradition of Sunday chapel services, with the participation of the College Choir, continued at Middlebury, and in fact continues still. For many years, until his retirement as chaplain in 1986, Charles Scott guided religious life on campus and oversaw remarkable changes in the composition of the Middlebury student body and a concomitant increase in the diversity of religious beliefs. His successors in the chaplaincy, now occupied by Laurel M. Jordan '79, have continued to work in Charlie's spirit and to benefit from his gentle presence. Though as students their attendance in chapel may have been infrequent, alumni return to Mead in large numbers for Reunion Convocation. A remarkable number of alumni weddings also take place in Mead throughout the year, but especially in the summer, when often as many as three are scheduled in a single day.

Chaplain Jordan spoke with eloquence to religious life on campus in her sermon on Homecoming Sunday this past year. The student congregation was small in number, but, she pointed out, that was no accurate measure of the vitality of religious inquiry or the interest in matters of faith. To be sure, Sunday chapel continues to be held, with a small but loyal congregation present and the wonderfully talented choir members in full voice. But for the current generation of students, religion may be a more significant part of their lives than was the case for their predecessors.

Indeed, there is religious activity, entirely student sponsored, on campus throughout the week. The Christian Fellowship provides worship and small group experiences for Christian students on campus and welcomes all students to study and prayer groups, lectures, and community service activities. Catholic students find support and fellowship in an active Newman Society. A vigorous Hillel provides many opportunities for Jewish students on campus and invites all students to its sponsored events. The Insight Society is a Buddhist organization, and the Islamic Society enables Muslim students to practice their faith and encourages all students to learn more about Islam. Each Wednesday, members of these organizations and other interested students gather for an interfaith dinner and the discussion of a topic on which the perspectives of different traditions may be brought to bear. An annual symposium named for Chaplain Scott and another supported by Curt and Else Silberman have brought distinguished speakers to campus to reflect on larger ethical and moral questions. Student participation in these symposia has been quite substantial.

"While it is important to honor the past," Chaplain Jordan has stated, "it is equally important to discern the reality of the present and chart a course for the future. It is my goal to create an atmosphere that is open to spiritual development, personal religious disciplines, and fruitful interfaith dialogue." In Mead Chapel today are hung banners representing the world's great religious traditions. This building still represents the strength of the hills and reminds us of things larger than ourselves. After almost 200 years, the wondrous works of God, or Jehovah, or Allah continue to be studied, celebrated, and, above all, observed, on the campus of Middlebury College. ■

by Cynthia Baughman

OVERSEAS STUDY: BROADENING, HUMBLING, AWESOME

The walls in the living room at Bowker House display baskets, a geometric tribal design rug, a Mondrian poster. Books fill shelves. The fireplace mantel supports a collection of candlesticks. Chairs and a sofa, some low rattan stools and large square cushions offer seating to the groups of students, faculty, and staff who assemble for various events. This is the home of Thomas Fellowship, the only Commons unaffiliated with any of the residence halls. Patty Pack—a tutor in writing and an associate of Thomas—hosts these stylish gatherings, which feature, in addition to lively lectures and discussions, delectable spreads of food and drink. One afternoon last fall, after feasting on quiche and cookies, hot cider and herbal tea, students talked about their recent experiences abroad.

Marshall Foster '97 represented the more conventional end of the spectrum of overseas academic adventure. When he landed in England, he said, "I had way too much stuff. The helper at Heathrow asked me if I was immigrating."

Actually, the philosophy major had gone to spend two terms of eight weeks each at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford. He plunged into the tutorial system, a one-on-one educational method that Marshall found adversarial, yet, "they give you a great deal of respect. You have one two-hour class each week to present and discuss the paper you prepared for that week."

Marshall Foster '97, Patty Pack (tutor in writing), Stephanie Pindyck '97, Christine Cowhey '97, Brooke Capps '97, and Noami Devore '97. Stories of foreign study experiences were shared at a Thomas Fellowship gathering.

One of his tutors was "from the Old Guard," wearing his academic gown as he worked with his student. "He was everything Oxford was meant to be," Marshall said about the man whose office had not only a reading room, but a tea room. "He'd say, 'Do you realize you've committed yourself to this or this? What do you have to say for yourself?'"

"It was a very humbling experience," said Marshall. "The U.S. system encourages you; their system is more based on hard knocks." But when he thought about having exclusive access to this tutor, he marveled, "Look at this commodity, and it's all mine."

Marshall enjoyed his social experience in Oxford, too. The British students "at first were very reserved, skeptical. And I can't tell you how many times I was asked if I carried a gun." But these sorts of misunderstandings are worked out over time . . . at the pub.

The places Stephanie Pindyck '97 chose to work out her junior year term abroad—Kenya and Tanzania—plunged her back in time to pre-technological medicine and forward in time to her probable career as a doctor. In Kenya the joint environmental studies/English major stepped off a bus into the middle of nowhere.

"Two men came out of the woods, and I thought, either this is the start of something special or I'm not going home." She was told to

Photograph by Ken Burris

take off her shoes, did, and then was taken across holy land to the leading medicine man, under whom she studied for 3 1/2 weeks.

"I learned to shake chickens over a child's head and to throw them at people in different directions," Stephanie said.

One thing a medicine man does is remove a curse put on an ill child by "a medicine man gone bad," she said. Kenyans know that if equal powers of good and bad are exerted, good will win. In one of these healings, the good medicine man, Noah, became ill, drained, very feverish. But he was strong enough; his power was equal to that of the bad medicine man, and the child became well. For her first time Stephanie had witnessed spiritual healing power based on belief.

She studied Western medicine, too, living in a shantytown with 300,000-400,000 prostitutes, 97 percent of whom had AIDS. She worked with the women, taught them to take their children to the hospital, but watched helplessly as a child died at a hospital after 16 hours without treatment.

Good and bad—extraordinary really—taken altogether, Stephanie said, "The experience reaffirmed my belief in myself and my ability to do things I never thought I could."

Another student also learned about her abilities: to withstand what would be considered hardships in the U.S., even as she opened herself to understanding the personal roots that education can enable students to explore. Noami Devore '97, a double Russian/literary studies major, studied at Southern Ukrainian Pedagogical University in Odessa, which had never had a foreign student like Noami.

She took one class with Ukrainian students—in a huge, freezing cold, dark room. They made fun of her for attending every class and studying. Their own procedure: one student listens and takes notes each time, and the rest copy those notes. They are very well-organized, according to Noami, so that no one really takes class or studies. "It's probably the best-organized thing in the whole country," she said.

Cold ran like a theme throughout Noami's Ukrainian experience. The school break at Christmas was supposed to last one month. But it was so cold that, with no heat for the university, the administration extended the vacation to two months. "You learn you can adapt to anything," she said.

Classes the Ukrainian way: One student listens and takes notes, the rest copy those notes. "It's probably the best-organized thing in the whole country."

Noami found a personal tutor (who had heat) and became friends with this woman and her family. She watched as the family suffered in unexpected ways when the father had a heart attack. As Jews, the family could enter the United States (for the father's medical treatment, which wasn't available in Ukraine) if they would become U.S. citizens. Noami's tutor, about age 30, didn't want to go; she wanted to live her life in her own country. All the family members had a hard time giving up their national identity.

Noami had gone to Ukraine, in part, because of her own family's Russian background. Her grandfather had had "to make the choice to leave his home for an unseemly reason," she said, referring to a period when Jews were harshly persecuted. She watched as the family she had grown close to painfully reenacted the same choice her family had made two generations earlier.

"But I don't want you to think it was all sad," Noami said. She lived in a dorm with a 17-year-old first-year student as her roommate. This student came from a village outside of Odessa, and she took Noami with her for a weekend at her grandmother's village. The village was harvesting grapes, and all the villagers and others, including Noami—the first foreigner the grandmother had ever met—pitched in to help, as crop-threatening black storm clouds approached.

Noami slept at the grandmother's cottage. "I bathed in the courtyard by moonlight that night."

Three other students told their stories of discovery that late afternoon as the sky darkened outside and the warm coziness of Middlebury made their adventures seem far away. Brooke Capps '97, a sociology/anthropology major, had returned from studying turtles in Western Samoa. Katherine Callaghan '97, an English major, spoke about the stereotypes she had exploded as a student at University College, Galway, in Ireland. Another English major, Christine Cowhey '97, told of bonding with women artists in Ghana.

About half of every Middlebury class has studied off campus, usually abroad, for at least a term before graduation. What tales they have to tell. Hannah Bottomy '98, a double English/German major who will spend the spring in Germany, and Julie Flanagan '98, a joint sociology/anthropology and psychology major who's on her way to Australia, were among those who came to listen to these particular stories.

"We're getting nervous," the young women said. ■

First Editions

by Cynthia Baughman

THE HIGH PRICE OF UNCONVENTIONALITY

Spanning nearly two centuries of time, an ocean, and several continents, the three female subjects of recent books by Middlebury-affiliated authors stood out as unconventional members of their respective societies. Each lived in accord with her own ideas, and each paid a high price for her independent thinking. Their lives are not tragedies, for these women lived fully, but their examples offer little comfort to those who pursue similarly idiosyncratic paths.

Abigail May Alcott, born in 1800, was a reformer of society who supported the causes of progressive education; abolition; assisting the poor; and, late in her life, women's suffrage. She defended her controversial husband's philosophical ideas even as she bore the brunt of their practical impact. While he was a transcendentalist, talking companionably with Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau, she took in sewing and boarders, ran an employment agency and a spa, and served as a paid missionary to the poor to support her family.

Her parents raised Alcott according to 19th-century standards for girls: "Be good. Put others first. Work hard. Serve society. Be moral. Be pious. Submit." She could do all but the last. In a difficult marriage, which included periods of separation, communal living, and a full decade of pregnancy, she nevertheless managed to sustain love for husband and children, respect for his beliefs, and a sense of self-worth regardless of financial circumstances. Her diary reports, "Mr. Alcott cannot bring himself to work for gain, but we have not yet learned to live without money or means." Ostracized or ridiculed by many and perennially short of money, she nevertheless created a loving home—fictionalized by her daughter, writer Louisa May Alcott—based on theories of education, child rearing, nutrition, work, and lifestyle that were not popular. Abby Alcott lived long enough to see her husband's educational theories honored and her daughters find fulfillment in lives of their own styles and choosing. Cynthia Hodgson Barton '52 tells this story of a woman who chose to travel against the current in ***Transcendental Wife: The Life of Abigail May Alcott*** (Lanham, Md.: University Press of America, Inc., 1996).

Gertrude Bell lived the life of an adventurer. Educated at Oxford, she was an archaeologist, political officer, spy, author, and king maker. Born into a distinguished British family in 1868, she was exactly in step with her country's expansionist empire—if she had been a man.

Bell's travels took her to the Middle East, where she felt at home among the Arabs and served as a liaison for them to England. Iraq was her special province, and she helped place King Faisal on its throne. Her path was exciting and exotic—trips across the desert by camel with crystal stemware and volumes of Shakespeare, conferences with Winston Churchill and T.E. Lawrence, discovery of important archaeological ruins; she was even kidnapped. When her power waned, however, she could not cope with a central fact of her life, her failure to find married love; at age 57 she committed suicide. Bell always wanted the marital convention, although she lived a life that probably made it impossible. In travel she found freedom: "To those bred under an elaborate social order few such moments of exhilaration can come as that which stands at the threshold of wild travel." ***Desert Queen: The Extraordinary Life of Gertrude Bell*** (New York: Nan A. Talese, Doubleday; 1996) is by Janet Wallach, who came to campus (with husband John P. Wallach '64) for a book signing during Homecoming last autumn.

Marion Bloom was H.L. Mencken's mistress for 15 years, 1914-28. A potentially talented writer, she never developed as he hoped she would, or perhaps as she hoped she would. "What are you writing?" he wrote to her. "Let me see it, by all means. I specialize in the discovery of novelists." But their problems as a couple were greater than the writing. "He wants a virgin to wife, with all the dash of our broad thinking, backed up with the exterior things of wealth, position, etc.," she wrote to her sister. Mencken wanted conventional attributes in a wife; he even con-

Clockwise from top left, Abigail May Alcott, Marion Bloom, and Gertrude Bell

demned Bloom for not trapping him into marriage, saying she "had acted like a goddam gentleman."

In Defense of Marion: The Love of Marion Bloom & H.L. Mencken (Athens, Ga.: The University of Georgia Press, 1996) is edited by Edward A. Martin, professor of English at Middlebury. He introduces letters from Mencken, Bloom, and Bloom's sister, as well as Theodore Dreiser and others involved in their lives. Strategically placed relevant essays by Mencken also illuminate the biographical reality of these people. From this written evidence and Martin's transitions and explanations a picture gradually emerges that does not flatter Mencken's humanity, although his wit comes through intact. His insight, too: "Practically every woman above the intellectual level of a cockroach has a broken heart. That is to say, she has been colossally disappointed, either by failing to nab some pretty fellow that her heart was set on, or, worse, by actually nabbing him . . ."

Bloom had a hard time earning a living, working as a nurse's aid from time to time to supplement writing she did for Mencken's magazines. She had wanted something different from life. "One lives there all week watching the trains come in," she wrote about the home where she was raised, "childishly expecting the unexpected, and then Sunday comes and it's all so ghastly flat." She found and loved Mencken, who was different. When he didn't marry her—time and again—she did not renounce her love. "The good I loved about H is what holds me now. I do try to stop thinking about him, and I'm never actually unhappy. But H was my man. I know that a million times a day." But she was realistic, too. "Am I to remain alone all my life to write my memoirs of him?" She didn't do that, but she saved his letters and others about the relationship, and Mencken, who had destroyed her letters when she (unsuccessfully) tried marriage to someone else, included them with papers he deposited at the New York Public Library. Needing money near the end of her life in 1975, Bloom tried to sell her Mencken memorabilia.

Each of these women—Alcott, Bell, and Bloom—lived life her own way. She thought uncommon thoughts and gave those thoughts reality through her actions. Yet, none escaped her own time. Each considered herself entitled to support by family or a man; each wanted the conventional fulfillment of marriage. Alcott came closest to getting what she wanted, but only at the end of a trying life. Bell and Bloom, who played with the big boys and led far more interesting lives than the vast majority of their peers, felt their lives profoundly hollow because of their failure to pass society's ultimate test for women. ■

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No Cold Feet for Sallie Sheldon in Hot Pursuit of the Lake Strangler

By Jim Kelty

It all started about 50 years ago when a seemingly innocuous plant called Eurasian water milfoil arrived in North America for use in fish aquariums. No one knows exactly how or when it happened, but one day the plant ended up in a lake or pond. It not only survived, it multiplied.

Today we are witnessing an explosion of milfoil. In fact many people who live on or vacation near lakes will attest to the fact that swimming and boating are virtually impossible in many of the country's bodies of water. Milfoil has spread to at least 40 states and four Canadian provinces and is still moving. "It is the number one problem regarding plants that affect water recreation activities in the United States," says John Barko of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterways Experiment Station in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Once milfoil takes hold in a lake, it is almost impossible to eliminate. The stringy invader grows more than 20 feet long and multiplies rapidly. It forms a dense mat across the top of the water, cutting off sunlight to other plants and robbing the water of oxygen.

"Milfoil has a canopying, monocultural effect," says Sallie Sheldon, a Middlebury biology professor and milfoil expert. "It reproduces so easily that just a small fragment on the back of a boat trailer can lead to the infestation of an entire lake."

In Vermont, milfoil first showed up in 1962. "We didn't get a lot of complaints about it until the early or mid-1980s," says Holly Crosson, a state biologist for the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. "Then people started saying, 'There's this weed growing and it's really thick and it's fouling up my propeller and we can't swim anymore in the beach area.'"

So far, the weed has infested 40 Vermont lakes and dozens of ponds. As water recreation activity has declined, so have lakeside property values. Several years ago, state officials made it a crime even to accidentally transport the plant from one lake to another.

Some states have battled the weed with underwater lawn mowers. Some have tried submarine vacuum cleaners and rototillers. Many have tried herbicides. In Vermont, a number of lake associations and civic groups have placed plastic barriers on lake bottoms to prevent the plant from rooting. Others have tried pulling the weed by hand. At Lake Bomoseen, in western Vermont, local residents even tried lowering the lake level in an attempt to freeze the plant to death. The milfoil problem at Bomoseen is so severe that underwater mowers operate full time all summer long just to keep the weed in check. "The problem with mowers," says Sheldon, "is that the more you cut it, the faster it grows."

Nationally, efforts to control milfoil are costing millions of dollars annually as the search continues for a weapon that is not only lethal but economical and has minimal impact on native species. Sallie Sheldon, who joined the search 10 years ago, believes the answer may exist in the form of a tiny water beetle known as a weevil. The scientific name for this mottled yellow and tan insect is *Euhrychiopsis lecontei*. "It's slightly smaller than a grain of rice," Sheldon explains. "And it eats milfoil."

Sheldon has found that these weevils can chew milfoil into submission. The holes they drill allow air to escape, she says, and eventually the once-buoyant stems collapse to the bottom of the lake.

"Using weevils is a slower approach than using chemicals, but it has its advantages," Sheldon says. "Herbicides may wipe out the milfoil, no question, but they may also wipe out everything, including native plants which act as the structure for fish communities."

E. lecontei is a native species that Sheldon discovered

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in 1989 at Brownington Pond in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom. State biologists had asked Sheldon to visit the pond after they noticed that the once-heavy infestation of milfoil there seemed to be declining.

Over the next five years, with more than $750,000 in grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sheldon studied the feasibility and potential dangers of breeding the weevils and introducing them by the thousands into milfoil-infested lakes. She has had encouraging success using the bugs on a trial basis in Vermont and, more recently, in Massachusetts and Wisconsin.

"We're seeing extensive die-backs of plants, much more rapidly than I expected," she says. "We're actually pretty surprised." As word of her research has spread, scientists in Minnesota and Washington have begun similar *E. lecontei* experiments. Currently, Sheldon is working with the state of Wisconsin, where the milfoil problem is more extensive than in Vermont. The plant has invaded at least 250 Wisconsin lakes, where in some cases it represents as much as 95 percent of the biomass.

"When milfoil is flourishing—when it's getting enough light, enough food, and it likes the temperature—the upper branches often turn red," Sheldon points out. "I saw a lake in Wisconsin where the milfoil had flowered all the way across, making the entire lake look red. I had never seen a red lake before."

During the next phase of her research, she will stock weevils in 12 Wisconsin lakes, partly to determine the optimal density for stocking the insects. "A lot of people in this state are excited about the idea of using insects to control milfoil," says Dan Helsel, a lake management specialist for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. "They see it as less of a risk than chemicals and less of a cost and effort than mowing. Sallie's research is one-of-a-kind work. It's the first time anyone has found a native indigenous species that will feed on an exotic plant."

To biologists, the milfoil explosion illustrates just how easily an exotic plant or animal can tilt the balance of nature. Typically, when a foreign life form enters an ecosystem, nothing sees the intruder as prey. Eurasian milfoil in its native habitat is controlled by herbivores and grazers that have co-evolved with the plant for centuries. But on this continent, far from those predators, the immigrant weed is having a Roman holiday, similar to those enjoyed by other alien species.

The gypsy moth is famous for defoliating North American forests. A native of Japan, the moth was accidentally introduced in this country by a scientist conducting a breeding experiment.

When European rabbits were introduced in Australia by British settlers their numbers quickly ballooned out of control. Now Australia has more than 200 million wild rabbits, living primarily in the southern half of the country. The rabbits create deserts wherever they go, devouring plants and shrubs and forcing native animals to retreat to northern regions.

In Hawaii, mongooses were imported in the 19th century to rid the cane fields of rats. The mongooses are now viewed as a classic example of biocontrol gone awry. As diurnal predators, they seldom encounter the nocturnal rats but prey instead on native ground-nesting birds, whose populations are endangered.

Ecologists believe Eurasian milfoil was released into a lake by a presumably well-intentioned aquarium owner who no longer wanted the plant. Though milfoil is now a scourge, the importation of a European predator to control the plant would be a risky proposition

Milfoil grows more than 20 feet long and multiplies rapidly. It forms a dense mat across the top of the water, cutting off sunlight to other plants and robbing the water of oxygen.

Photograph by Erik Borg

indeed. "If we brought in an exotic bug to eat Eurasian milfoil, there's no telling what could happen," says Helsel. "It might eat native bugs. It might bring in a disease that will wipe out fish. It might eat the fiberglass off boats. It could have all kinds of unforeseen impact."

Sheldon's bug represents a potentially safer alternative, partly because it is native to North America and partly because—like most weevils—it is a selective eater. Experiments in Middlebury's greenhouses have shown that *E. lecontei* weevils will go wild over Eurasian milfoil but turn up their noses at other potential food sources. "They eat a little bit of native milfoil, but not much," Sheldon notes.

In years gone by, *E. lecontei* fed on a native species of milfoil, but as the native plant has been crowded out, the insect has adapted to the Eurasian variety. The painstaking testing of the weevils' eating and breeding habits was largely conducted by Middlebury undergraduates, working side by side with Sheldon. Over a five-year period, more than 40 students received stipends allowing them to work full time on the weevil project during summer months. They strapped on snorkeling and scuba gear and dove into lakes to collect plant and weevil specimens for closer study in campus greenhouses. During long drives to lake sites, Sheldon and her students brainstormed for more effective ways of breeding the insects. Middlebury's greenhouses can now produce 2,000 weevils a week, a rate that has increased four-fold since 1993.

"It's very fast-paced, working with Sallie. You're always on your toes," says Matt Roy '95, who worked two summers with Sheldon. "Optimum efficiency is the target goal—and she always values your input. If you think of a better way of doing something, she's willing to try it."

Using weevils is a slower approach than using chemicals, but weevils won't hurt the native plants and fish communities.

When Sheldon and her students began the project, they had to start from scratch since there were no prior studies on the weevil they could draw upon. "It was Middlebury undergraduates who figured out how many eggs weevils lay a day, how long it takes the eggs to hatch, and so on," Sheldon says. "There's no question I was greatly helped by the quality of the students I had working for me."

A member of the College's faculty since 1985, Sheldon says her weevil research has proven an excellent teaching tool. "People will talk about doing research *or* teaching, but research is teaching," she says. "When we're out in a lake, I can teach students things I could never teach them in a classroom. Because it wouldn't come up, or they wouldn't see it, or they wouldn't have enough understanding of the ecosystem to make sense of what I was saying."

When explaining plant infestation to students, Sheldon emphasizes that the milfoil explosion is also a symptom of a larger problem. "One of the reasons these plants are growing like crazy is because humans are dumping plant food on them every day," she says. "Septic systems, fertilizers on your lawn—those are nutrients for plants, and where do you think they end up? When a farmer sprays manure and it rains, it ends up in the lakes. Nutrient enrichment of lakes is huge. Even if we bring the milfoil problem under control, we still have to address the larger issue. If we don't, we'll be ripe to get hit with the explosion of some other species."

Many lake associations are interested in Sheldon's research because herbicide use—the easiest way to combat milfoil—can be controversial, particularly in lakes that provide drinking water. Fishing, swimming, and domestic use of the water must be prohibited for days after some herbicides are applied. It's clear that using the weevil as a control method would cause less impact to nontarget species and be more economical than any method currently in use.

The three-year, 12-lake trial that Sheldon began in summer 1996 will be the first large-scale testing of the method, and it will answer many remaining questions, including how long it takes to control a lake's milfoil population.

"A lot depends on the size of the lake, the temperature of the water, the density of plant stems, and the number of weevils used," Sheldon explains. "In a test that we began in the spring of '95 in two lakes in Massachusetts, we stocked about 15,000 weevils in each lake and started seeing milfoil declines at the end of last summer."

According to Helsel, states will start looking at weevils as a serious option if the Wisconsin trial is a success. "Then the big gap will be commercial production." Helsel says.

"Maybe I'll quit my job," he adds, "and start selling weevils for a dollar a piece." ■

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NAZI LEGACY ON

My Berlin: the horror, the humanity

By Hans L. Riess

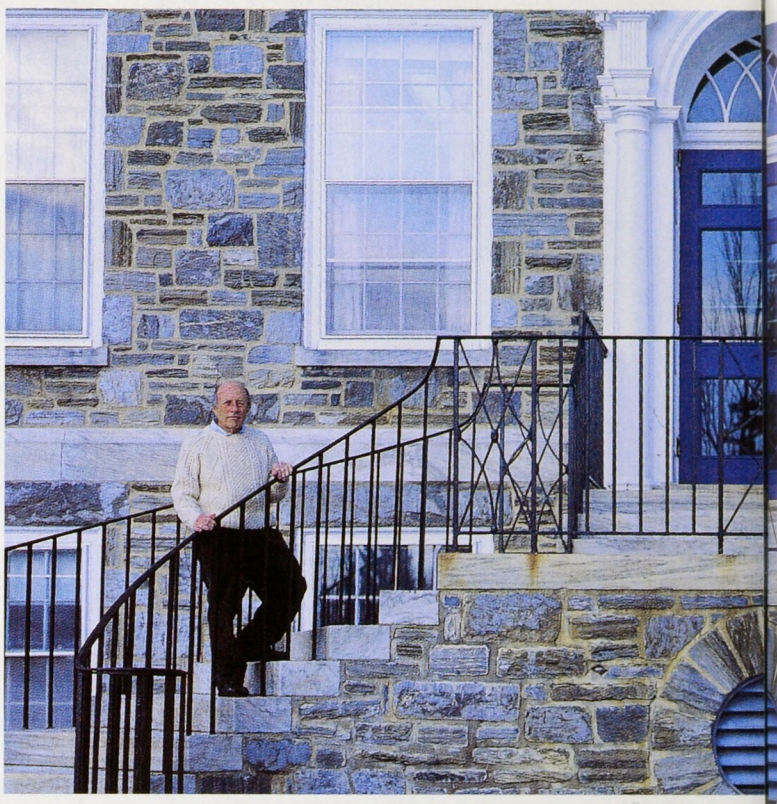
I am a German Jew. In 1933, I was one of 160,000 Jews in Berlin, a city of 4 million. At that time, there were 565,000 Jews in Germany, a country of 67 million. I was 12 years old.

In January 1933, democratic elections were held and an 86-year-old field marshall by the name of Hindenburg was reelected as president. He appointed as Reich chancellor a man by the name of Adolf Hitler. My life did not change.

In March, a fire completely destroyed the Reichstag, the German equivalent of our capitol. The fire was engineered by the Nazi party, and made to look like the Communists were responsible. It was believed that most Jews were liberals and most liberals were Communists, therefore, most Jews were Communists. For the first time in my life I saw the Nazi brownshirts (SA) as they rounded up those they thought were Communists and marched them away. The brownshirts became carried away with their work and started singing as they marched through the streets of Berlin. Their song was "*Wenn das Judenblut vom Messer spritzt.*" It translates to "when the Jewish blood splashes from the knife." This was my first taste of racial hate.

For the next several years things were relatively calm, although low-key persecution of Jews continued. Then, in 1935, the "*Rassen Gesetz*" or Race Law was passed. Intermarriage between Jews and non-Jews was prohibited. Any household help in Jewish homes had to be at least 45 years old. Jews could not go to the theatre. Parks had yellow benches "for Jews only"; Jews could not sit on any others. Jews could not purchase dairy products.

My father was a dentist and his practice was in the large apartment we lived in, in the heart of Berlin. Our dairy products had been delivered to our doorstep each morning by the people who had a small shop across the street. The morning after the Race Law had been passed, we found our usual delivery of dairy products on our doorstep. My father picked them up and carried them to the store across the street and explained that we were no longer permitted to buy milk, butter, or eggs and perhaps they had made a mistake in delivering them? The owner said, "No, there was no mistake. I know you aren't permitted to buy these. You aren't buying them; these are our gift to you as long-standing neighbors." These gifts continued until we no longer lived there. This storekeeper happened to be Christian.



Hans Riess (above left) and his son Marc Riess, professor of psychology at Middlebury, spoke in conjunction with the Silberman Symposium during Family Weekend at Middlebury in October 1996. Father and son will visit Berlin for the first time together this summer.

In 1936 the Olympic Games came to Berlin. In honor of the occasion, and to prevent foreigners from learning about the Jewish discrimination, the yellow benches in the parks were removed. The *Stuermer,* a hate newspaper against Jews, was not displayed for the duration of the games. It usually was posted on large bulletin boards all over the city. When the games were over, however, it was business as usual.

In spite of these hardships, which were designed to

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FATHER AND SON

get Jews to leave the country, most German Jews remained. Thus, in 1938, Kristallnacht was engineered. At this time, I was 17 years old and attending an engineering school. On November ninth, my teacher asked to see me after class. He told me that something terrible was going to happen that evening. He didn't want to tell me what it would be, but I should see if anything was unusual as I approached our house. If so, I should NOT go inside but go to non-Jewish friends. When I got near our building, I saw that my father's blue dental office light, which normally shone through his window, was not on. I went to very close friends of my parents who were Christian.

They told me that my father had been working in his office and a new "patient" came in, choosing to be taken last. When my father took him into his office, he identified himself as a Gestapo agent. He told my dad that he should have his dinner and should take some warm clothes as he may not be returning home that night. The agent also asked for me, but was told that I hadn't returned from school.

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Intolerance in any form is intolerable

By Marc Riess

The experiences of my father and grandparents in the Holocaust have directly and indirectly affected my world view. Allow me to begin with a self-disclosure: I have very little tolerance for intolerance. You might even say that I am intolerant of intolerance. In addition, I find that people—whatever their political persuasion—who think they know what is best for everyone, really push my buttons. Consequently, to be honest, I have some trouble with political correctness, which I see, at its worst, and rather ironically, as intolerance in the name of tolerance.

At the same time, I have just as much trouble with Rush Limbaugh and others of his ilk on the political right. I guess I have a strong negative reaction to anyone whom I perceive as adopting an "everyone's entitled to *my* opinion; I know what's best for everybody" stance—be it Pat Buchanan or Bernie Sanders or, in the extreme, Joseph Stalin or Adolph Hitler.

I'm sure that some of you didn't like that last statement. How can I possibly refer to Vermont's progressive congressperson, or to the presidential candidate who finished second in last winter's primary in neighboring New Hampshire, in the same sentence as Stalin and Hitler? Why is it that both these guys, whose political positions and ideologies are so far apart, and often diametrically opposed to each other, both get so deeply under my skin?

As a child in the post-war 1950s, I remember beginning to learn about World War II, the Nazis, and Adolph Hitler. I also remember once seeing the concentration camp numbers which were tattooed on my grandfather's arm. At that moment, all the terrible things that I was hearing became much more meaningful to me when it hit me that they happened to people I knew and loved.

Much later, when I was in college as a psychology major, I learned about the work of a small group of German Jewish refugees, all of whom were psychologists in their mother country (or should I say fatherland?), who

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I rode my bicycle along Tauenzien Strasse, a street of elegant shops, similar to Fifth Avenue in New York. I will never forget what I saw. All of the lights were out, there was no motor traffic. The shop windows had all been broken and tiny bits of glass covered the sidewalks and street. There was a bright moon on this brisk November night, and the glass glittered like millions of diamonds. It was truly beautiful to see. I discovered that if I rode my bike very close to the buildings, I could avoid slashing my tires. I was not alone. There were many pedestrians who walked in silence and amazement. We saw "*Jude*" in red, painted randomly on signs, windows, and walls.

I cycled to the Kurfuerstendamm, where I saw the synagogue in which I had received my religious instructions. It was burning furiously. The police and fire department were standing by, to make sure that the fire did not spread beyond the synagogue, but did nothing to put out the existing fire. A large crowd watched quietly in disbelief.

Hans Riess on his first day of first grade in Berlin. In 1933, when he was 12 years old, he experienced racial hatred for the first time.

Our non-Jewish friends where I was staying were part of a communications network that was set up to help the Jews. A week went by before I was told a meeting had been set up for me to talk with my mother. I was told to ride my bike along the curb in the Tiergarten at 10 a.m. at a certain intersection. I was told to be careful since the Gestapo were in the park also. My mother walked along as I rode, so it looked like a chance encounter to a casual observer. She told me that my father was in the Sachsenhausen concentration camp near Berlin, and that she had hired three lawyers to advise her what to do. She said I should remain with her friends, and she would get messages to me.

The arrests stopped after another week had passed, and I was able to return home. Three weeks later, my mother received a postcard from my father. It gave no information except to say that he was okay. I remember listening through a space in the sliding doors, which separated the dining room from the living room, to the lawyers tell my mother that my father was loading and carrying bricks in Sachsenhausen, and the weather was extremely cold. Unless he could be gotten out soon, he would not survive. My mother was told to book passage to Shanghai for December since China was the only country willing to take Jews at that time. She was told she had to go to the Gestapo by herself and with the tickets.

She went to the Gestapo as directed, alone; she later told me only that she was very frightened. Each door she went through was closed and locked behind her. She truly thought that not only wouldn't she be able to arrange the release of my father, but that she would be sent away and I would be left alone. At this time, the Nazis had not come up with the "final solution." They wanted to get the Jews to leave the country voluntarily. As a result, the officer in charge checked the tickets and told my mother to return home. She was told not to discuss it with anyone and she never did. To this day, I do not know how much money, if any, changed hands.

The following day the doorbell rang and a thin, unkempt man in a wrinkled overcoat was standing at the door. We could hardly recognize my father. He stood at attention, because in the camp he had to stand that way for hours. He had been sworn to secrecy in exchange for his freedom. He never discussed the camp or what happened there.

My father had to report to the local police station the next day. According to their tickets, he and my mother were to leave for Shanghai in one week. However, the local police had different ideas. They felt that he should close down his practice by finishing up all work in progress on his patients. They therefore extended his stay for five months. This gave us time to prepare an organized exit.

Through arrangements with the German Jewish Aid Society and the Church of England, it was decided that I would go to England as a student and live with an English family.

It was midnight on March 11, 1939, when my 86-year-old grandmother, my parents, and two sets of aunts and uncles saw me off at the Berlin Anhalter Bahnhof. It was hard for everyone and there were emotional goodbyes. Many years would pass before I saw my Berlin again. ■

Hans Riess, now 75 years old, was trained as a mechanical engineer. He recently retired from his position as director of engineering records for the New York City Transit Authority and lives in Wesley Hills, New York.

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happened to settle in the San Francisco/Berkeley area of California after the war. Not surprisingly, they were most interested in trying to find the psychological roots that gave rise to Nazism in particular and anti-Semitism and other ethnic and racial prejudice in general.

To cut to the chase, and make their long, interesting story reasonably short, they focused on two concepts: authoritarianism and dogmatism. Individuals with a so-called authoritarian personality are predisposed to accepting dogma, especially totalitarian dogma, and are likely to be prejudiced against various minority groups. Moreover, it is dogmatic people, whatever they are dogmatic about, who tend to be closed-minded, intolerant, and prejudiced.

But, can someone be dogmatic about political correctness, about environmental issues, in their pro-life or their pro-choice beliefs, or about family values? I think so, and it scares me. You see, the most frightening thing about the work of the psychologist/refugees after the war is that they found that people who possess authoritarian and/or dogmatic tendencies are not sick minds or abnormal personalities, completely different from the rest of us. In fact, all of us, at one time or another, are a little authoritarian and/or dogmatic. In fact, some of you are probably thinking that these remarks themselves are dogmatic. My point is that, in the words of Pogo, "We have seen the enemy, and it is us."

Am I saying that we are all Nazis? Of course not. But I am saying that intolerance is a slippery slope. Allow me to share with you a few examples to illustrate my point. But first, with a story and a joke, I hope to make a point.

Given my negative feelings toward Pat Buchanan, and my sense of the man, I was quite surprised to learn that his father had died in a Nazi concentration camp. Rumor has it that he fell off a guard tower.

One other: What is the first thing a group of Jews do when they find themselves shipwrecked on a deserted island? They build two synagogues. One that they go to. And one that they would never go to.

What is your reaction to these jokes? Be honest. Are you offended by either or both of them? If so, what should you do, if anything?

Several years ago here at Middlebury, I attended a discussion about political correctness. The speaker's message was that if a group of people find what you are saying offensive, then you shouldn't say it. A large majority of the audience agreed, and cited examples of stories, jokes, and comments they had heard or read that they had found offensive. The speaker went on to say that you should "educate" and "enlighten" by informing the offending party that you found the comment or joke offensive, and request that he or she not say it again.

Remembering a lesson I learned from my father about censorship in Nazi Germany, I asked the speaker whether her suggestion, however well intended, might be a form of censorship, which might have some unintended negative consequences. But, most of the audience were not interested in answering my question. They were more concerned with giving examples of the politically incorrect, racist, sexist, anti-Semitic, homophobic, and the like things they have heard, especially around campus.

I pressed on, thinking about the silencing of opposition that my father and grandparents experienced in Germany, and asked the following question. Didn't many people in the 1960s find what Martin Luther King, Jr., was saying offensive? And they told him so in no uncertain terms. Should he, then, have stopped preaching his message so that he wouldn't offend significant groups of people, many of whom were quite powerful?

I was literally shouted down, with a chorus of "you just don't understand." At that moment it occurred to me that at least some forms of political correctness are intolerance, albeit unwitting intolerance, masquerading in the name of tolerance.

So, what, if anything, do we do, for example, if someone says or does something we find insulting, distasteful, sickening, or repugnant? My father points out that some very good people did some very courageous things in the face of the Nazi dogma and actions, which they found morally wrong. If a gentile school teacher, and a gentile family in England, hadn't helped my father, I probably would not be here today.

So, what' s my bottom line? Can it be as simple as live and let live? That seems to be my father's attitude. He does not appear to hold a grudge against the Germans or even the Nazis. But how can that be? It seems that I am angrier with those who proposed the "final solution" than he is. We can't allow anyone to carry out a program of genocide, can we? What about keeping Jews, blacks, or Latinos out of private country clubs? What about those who would like to see professors who espouse racist theories (for example, on racial differences in intelligence) lose their jobs? Where do we draw the line?

The Holocaust in Nazi Germany, I hope, has taught us that a line must be drawn somewhere. But I'm afraid that at the end of the 20th century we are drawing too many lines, often with the best of intentions and without even realizing it. I fear that we are losing our freedom in America, a nation founded on freedom. On this my father and I agree. And it scares both of us. ■

Marc Riess teaches psychology at Middlebury.

SCIENCE WITH A FRENCH ACCENT

Middlebury, Madagascar, and Renée Camfield '97

By Cynthia Baughman

Biology + French = ? "That combination doesn't make sense until you go someplace like Madagascar," says Thomas Root, professor of biology and Renée Camfield's adviser.

Biology + French = Madagascar. Of course! The pre-med student with the unlikely double major spent the fall of her junior year 400 miles off the southeastern coast of Africa taking ecology and conservation classes in French, preparing inventories of rain forests with an international team of scientists, and pursuing two original independent projects.

Ever mindful of combining French and biology, Camfield asked at the island's local library about a book written in 1645 by Sieur de Flacourt, *Histoire de la Grande Isle de Madagascar.* Flacourt, who had been sent to Madagascar by France, was the first naturalist to document the physical and cultural environment he found on the island. The librarian brought Camfield the book—the original.

"You see a lot of books that aren't that old in museums in cases under glass!" she exclaims, still astonished a year later. For the project, "I compared what I saw to what he saw," Camfield says. "It is remarkable how similar a lot of cultural things still are. Scientific methodology has changed though." Flacourt reported mythological creatures natives told him about right along with those he personally saw, something the Middlebury student would never do.

Renée Camfield serves as head carillonneur for the College. The Middlebury carillon, pictured above, consists of 48 bells in the key of F, installed by the Paccard Bellfoundry of Annecy-le-Vieux, France, in 1948. It contains some bells from the College's 1919 chime of bells made by Meneely Co. of Troy, New York, and also some bells from a Dutch carillon, which Middlebury purchased from a church in Quincy, Massachusetts. The largest bell weighs about 2,000 pounds and is the same size as the Liberty Bell. Middlebury's carillon is 1 of 2 in Vermont, 22 in New England, 235 in the U.S., and about 800 in the world. The College's carillon was restored in 1986 with funds given by Allan R. Dragone, Sr., '50.

For her other independent project Camfield studied the behavior of a species of iguana that no one had examined previously. "I had just done Tom Root's animal behavior class, so I applied what I had learned to this. Every morning I would walk from 4 to 5:15, when the sun came up," she says. ("I had to be there when the lizards got up," she shrugs.) "How many people do you think I passed at that time of day?" she asks. "I counted one day: 205! They were going to market and I was always going the wrong way. I could hear them talking about me; they called me 'the crazy white girl.'"

Every evening after she descended the mountain where her lizards lived, she would confer with a professor from the University of Michigan who was visiting Madagascar to study other lizards. "This is what I think I saw,' I'd tell him. And then we'd talk."

Back in Vermont, Camfield is now hard at work on her senior thesis, a study of the effects of hormonal regulation on mouse memory cells grown in culture. "The first challenge is: how do you get these cells to grow and maintain their function in an artificial environment," she explains. Christopher Watters, a biology professor who is the Irene Heinz and John LaPorte Given Professor in Premedical Sciences, supervises the thesis and admires the speed with which his student learned the techniques she needed. "Usually people who do the kind of work she wanted to do have worked in a pharmaceutical lab," he says.

Photograph by Owen Stayner

But prior experience is not what attracts Camfield to the subjects she decides to pursue. For example, much of the music she has studied and performed at Middlebury, for a minor and for pleasure, is new to her.

As a sophomore Camfield began studying organ under Emory Fanning, who is Fletcher Professor in the Arts, College organist, and director of the College Choir in which Camfield sings. She already played piano, but the organ is a very different instrument, especially where the pedals are concerned. So, in typical Camfield fashion, for her senior organ recital she played one selection, "Epilogue" from *Hommage à Frescobaldi* by Jean Langlais, that is just for pedals. Her senior recital also included some Bach chorale preludes. The College Choir sang each chorale and then she played what Bach had written as an interpretation for the organ.

"They learned this music for me," Camfield says, clearly moved by her friends' efforts. "It was really very touching. Doc [the name she and other students call Fanning] said to me, 'This is how music should be made.'"

"You can count the people who really meant something to your teaching career," says Fanning. "She is among those—people you give something to and get something from."

Camfield plays another instrument on campus, too: the carillon. "A friend of my mother's said that in college you should do something you never expected to do," she explains about her initial motivation for the then unknown instrument. As a first-year student she tried the carillon, liked it, and as a sophomore took on the full responsibility for the bells that end faculty and staff days and call the students to supper. Now she recruits and trains other students to play, as well as playing three or four times a week herself.

"It's fun to play by yourself," she says. "It's an *enormous* amount of fun to play with others." As many as four can play at once. "If you hear it really loud, that's probably four of us." The carillon is played by hitting pegs with fists and stomping on pedals with feet, as described by Camfield. Cables connected to the pegs and pedals pull the clappers in the bells, which hang overhead. "It's quite athletic. We think we should get P.E. [physical education] credit for doing it."

"She stood out from the very beginning as someone who is very curious about learning," Root says, whether the subject is biology, French literature, music, or something else. "She wants not just to get a formal education, but an informal one by travel and experience. She will always be curious about life."

Her curiosity should serve Camfield well in the career she plans as a doctor. "I lean toward pediatrics in some form or other," she says, maybe in standard practice or maybe in clinical research, which is what both of her parents do at home in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She has applied to medical school at Harvard, Duke, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Of course, if she wins the Rhodes, Marshall, or Commonwealth (a major Canadian scholarship) she has applied for, she'll go study epidemiology at Oxford first and then go to medical school.

Camfield received the T. Ragan Ryan Award for Excellence, which is given to the Middlebury pre-med student who exhibits not only talent in pre-med studies, but also "the spirit of humanism and excellence that characterized Ragan Ryan." The award was established by Emily and Thomas C. Ryan '54 in honor of their deceased son, a member of Middlebury's Class of 1991. That spirit is well represented by Camfield.

> ***"I'm not more accomplished than the others. Everyone at Middlebury seems to have their own incredible story."***

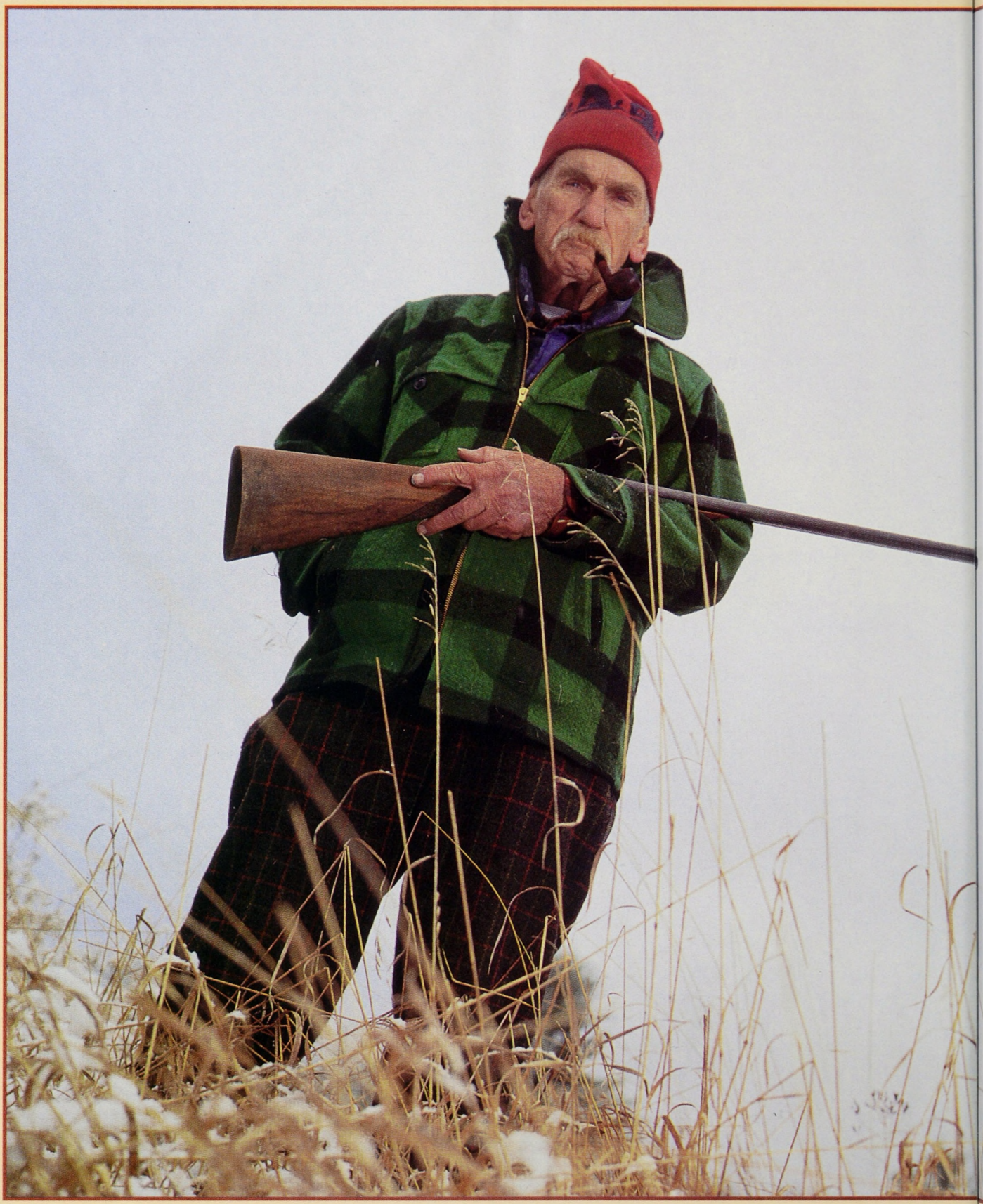
"She's an incredibly nice person. That sounds so patronizing—but she is. So unstuck up," says Carol Rifelj, Jean Thomson Fulton Professor of Modern Languages and Literature, one of the double major's French professors.

"When you hear all these positives about someone you don't know, you think the person is arrogant or superhuman," says Root. "What should come out is the humanity of this woman," he says.

While medicine is central to Camfield's future, she is extremely appreciative of the range of opportunities Middlebury has made possible for her. "Only here can I do this many different things," she says. "It's exciting to discover things, isn't it? That's why I came here. I wasn't sure in high school what I wanted to do. In Canada you have to choose between arts and science. Here, I could try them all. And I discovered I really like them all."

Camfield also likes the people she has met. She expresses gratitude for professors, such as Fanning: "It's nice to know someone's watching over you," she says. "You're doing your own thing, but he keeps track of you." And she's equally grateful to the students with whom she has worked and played: "In the last little while," Camfield says, "people have started making a bigger deal out of what I've done. But I'm just doing what I like. I'm not more accomplished than the others. Everyone at Middlebury seems to have their own incredible story."

Renée Camfield's is certainly one of them. ■



FOLK TALES & FIELD TRAILS

The inspirational, the original
HORACE BECK

By David Weissman '67

Photograph by Alan Jakubek

Everyone has an opinion about Horace Beck, and he, in turn, has probably got a pretty definite reciprocal opinion. "An iconoclast," says Kenneth Goldstein, a friend and colleague who wrote the introduction to *By Land and By Sea*, a book of essays dedicated to Beck. "Part Hemingway, part Melville, and part Cooper" is how former student Susan Park Weissman '67 remembers him. Bob Bethke '67, who became a professional folklorist because of Beck, says, "He was an inspiring teacher; I found him spellbinding in and out of the classroom."

According to Louis Bacon '79, who recently honored Beck by endowing a scholarship for Middlebury students majoring in American literature and civilization, "Horace's defiant individuality and personal code of behavior set him apart from contemporaries, just like a Natty Bumpo, an Ishmael, an Ahab, a Huck Finn. He epitomizes the classic American protagonist troubled with present society yet comfortable within himself."

Bacon is one of many Middlebury students who have been profoundly affected by this professor of American literature. In his 27 years at the College, Beck told students and *showed* students what he knew, what he believed, and how he lived in the world.

What he knew was compelling enough. As a folklorist, the man had traveled widely and collected data from many cultures. At the University of Pennsylvania, where he received his doctorate in 1952, he collected folklore from the Carolinas to Labrador, including the lore of woodland Indians (Algonquin, Catawba, Delaware, and MicMac) and black songs and myths.

But beyond his scholarly research, writing, and teaching, Beck had also lived a life very foreign to most of his students and colleagues. He has hunted since childhood ("In his prime, he was the best natural shot I've ever seen," says Murray Kayll); sailed around the world for work and pleasure ("He is more at home on his boat than you are in your living room," says George Carey '58, fellow sailor, former student, and himself a retired professor of folklore); and in his retirement become known for his specialty woodworking ("He really knows how to assemble wood; his furniture is top rate and incredibly difficult—Queen Anne, Hepplewhite. He built his own 35-foot boat," according to Dick Nadeau).

Beck says of himself, "I came from a traditional background and just did what was expected." He is, of course, being modest. His upbringing was anything but traditional.

Born in Rhode Island in 1920, Beck was part of the old Newport aristocracy. His father, a doctor, taught him

MY MENTOR: HORACE BECK

By George Carey '58

The fact is we don't go looking for mentors in our youth, they just seem to be there. We stumble into them, as I did Horace Beck in 1958 as he was lugging Hamlet's body from the stage at what was then Middlebury College's own Shubert theatre—McCullough Gymnasium. I played Bernardo, a small role at the beginning of the play; and he came on as a pallbearer, an even smaller role at the end of the play; and that left us a lot of time in the middle of all that marvelous Shakespearean muddle to begin a friendship that has lasted almost 40 years.

As at home at sea as you are in your living room

I never took a course with Beck at Middlebury; I couldn't find a seat. But for some reason he took a shine to me, the returning ex-paratrooper. He saw me as a potential man of action he could shape, and before I knew it he had me shooting grouse over his old English pointer, Tom. Two weeks after graduation I was aboard the 45-foot yawl *Souvenir*, bound for Bermuda as cook on my first blue-water passage. It was on that trip that Beck first sowed the seeds for my professional life.

"Ever thought of becoming a folklorist?" he asked me on the 0400-0800 watch, as we pushed our way through a tumultuous sea 200 miles southwest of Newport. "Not really," I said, then abruptly turned, poked my head through the lifelines, and deposited my breakfast into the Gulf Stream. But a folklorist I became.

Since sailing is a thread woven through much of this long friendship, I'll say right off that being a friend with Beck requires its share of heavy-weather work. He's not a man who deals generously with criticism. He refused to speak to me for five years after I made some critical remarks about a book he'd written—the inevitable rebellion of disciple v. master—but we managed to heal that rift.

Even through the thin times, I held Beck up as a model because he differed so from my father, a wonderful man in his own right, but a somewhat staid New York banker who wanted his eldest child to do something other than sit around with a tape recorder listening to fishermen tell yarns. Beck saw such activities as honorable, and he was moreover the doer and the showman my father was not. He mixed his intellectual pursuits and his deeds together effortlessly, moving every experience one notch up for you so it shone in a philosophical context. And Beck didn't cotton up to namby-pamby writers. I always felt that as much as he admired Emerson, he wanted to be Jack London.

In Beck's dotage, I can tell you, there is plenty to listen to. Not all of it is accurate—as an old prep school teacher of his once told me, "With Horace you've got to move the decimal point around quite a bit"—but most of it is interesting as hell. At times he's like Pap in *Huck Finn*, tirading against the "govment"; at times he's off on a toot, running down some ethnic group or other, and you have to endure a bit of bombast to get to the good stuff. But the good stuff always surfaces—the tales, the anecdotes, the reminiscences—all laced with wit and acerbic humor and that offhand fillip of wisdom that catches you unawares.

A month ago Beck cruised into this small harbor on the Maine coast I now call home. At 75, he was alone aboard his 40-foot sailboat, ever Melville's Bulkington for whom "The land seemed scorching to his feet." I rowed out, pulled myself on deck, and went below. I had not seen Beck for quite a while, and yet the time dissolved in an instant over a glass of Lightbourne rum.

I suddenly knew that such moments were the hinge on which long friendships swung and if this was what it meant to have a mentor, then every man deserved at least one Horace Beck in his life. ■

Now retired from teaching at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, George Carey '58 lets his friends catch up with him in Tenant's Harbor, Maine.

about business, sport, and service to country and family. "Father felt a youngster would gain the equivalent of a degree simply by being included in the day-to-day affairs of a sophisticated family. He said that education and investing were a lot alike; you should get the best you could, keep abreast, and do it for the long haul."

But side by side with this life of privilege was a very different experience for Beck. The family also had a saltwater farm down the road in Tiverton, which was run strictly by Beck's mother.

"At the farm I was an indentured servant," he says, "milking our Guernseys, plowing, cultivating, building stone walls, harvesting vegetables, putting up hay and all kinds of fruit, cooking, cabinet-making, and one day a week fishing. We were totally self-sufficient. By the age of six I was hunting, fishing, and sailing alone. But of equal pleasure was listening to certain adults," Beck says. "I frequented the knee of many commercial fishermen and the blacks in our home—who essentially raised

me. I presume I became an ethnologist or folklorist at six. Teaching is the only rival of that first love."

By the time he finished prep school at St. George's (where he later became a trustee) and had followed his father (and four generations of Becks) to the University of Pennsylvania, Beck was not only an accomplished scholar and athlete, he held an airplane pilot's license and spent all of his vacations working as a commercial fisherman, lumberman, and miner. Yet, when in Newport, he would slip easily into the family society and dine at the yacht club with the likes of the Morgans and Vanderbilts. "The dinners were fascinating; conversation ranged from art and philosophy to politics and business by those who were running the top institutions in the country."

After graduation and a stint in the Navy, Beck taught at Penn until 1950, then at Temple until 1955. While his connections at Penn were strong, Beck felt the need for a change. He wanted to teach smaller classes and to collect data from his own boat. "Also on the personal side, I wanted to live in the country again, to farm, build my own house and furniture shop, and to be in a place where I could hunt."

"You couldn't find a better place than Middlebury in 1955," Beck says. "The town was traditional; Main Street merchants stocked functional items; dairying was the major industry; the town and state were run by natives; there was only one policeman and he didn't have much to do. There were no social workers. You could hunt almost anywhere and no one gave it a thought. Many students had fowling pieces in their closets. Above all, the students were there on merit, and the faculty were great. Many professors had essential firsthand knowledge of their subjects.

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Cook, Bourcier, Nelson, Wissler, Illick, Malmstrom, Claggett, and Stitt really knew of what they spoke. President Sam Stratton was an honest administrator. They understood the need to be Renaissance men, to travel—at least to the country of their specialty—to do research, and to write.

"By the late 1960s," continues Beck. "I went off to do research and write. I collected in Scandinavia, but mostly traced material through Ireland, the islands off Scotland and England—often in homes which had been inhabited by the same family for 900 years, and their lore probably predates *Beowulf*—then down to the Azores and Africa. I crossed the Atlantic to the Caribbean and found an extraordinary new opportunity—whaling. Studying primitive whaling in the Azores, Bequia, and Tonga in the South Pacific began to consume all of my free collecting time when I wasn't writing my life work."

In that life work, *Folklore and the Sea,* first published in 1973 by the Mystic Seaport Museum and about to come out in its fourth printing, Beck has chronicled the end of unique ocean endeavors—from the largest sailing merchantmen afloat to the tiny open boats rowed by strong men in pursuit of whales. He covers the entire spectrum of maritime tradition from knots, weather, ship construction, and sea serpents to work chanteys. Lay readers and scholars alike have found in this work a wealth of material.

Beck retired from Middlebury in 1983, but his life has been busier than ever. He does frequent radio commentaries for Vermont Public Radio, edited a *festschrift* for colleague MacEdward Leach, taught a semester at UCLA, and has sailed in numerous races, including five Atlantic passages. But Beck still finds time to guide students who seek him out for access to his 10,000-volume folklore library or for advice based on a lifetime of scholarship and adventure. He is also frequently sought out by former students, who feel, as Louis Bacon puts it, that "true teaching transcends instructing and lecturing—it includes embodying what one teaches, and thereby mentoring. It is rare that teacher, subject, and experience were so combined as when Horace Beck taught those lucky enough to be in his classes." ■

David Weissman '67, a Wyoming entrepreneur who has known Horace Beck for 30 years, recently returned from trips to Alaska and an Apache reservation in New Mexico.

The Horace P. Beck Scholarship in American Studies will be made available to juniors and seniors interested in American subjects, with preference going to those majoring in American literature and civilization. The Financial Aid Office will award the need-based scholarships, making every attempt to choose students who most closely reflect the interests of Horace Beck: American folklore, hunting, sailing, and competitive ice hockey. Contributions to this scholarship fund are welcome from others wishing to honor Horace Beck.

Sweat Equity

It's hard work when the play's the thing

By Eric Winick '90

In September 1986 Middlebury's theatrical landscape underwent a radical change: Cheryl Faraone and Richard Romagnoli joined the faculty of the theatre department. Former artistic directors of the New York Theatre Project, Faraone and Romagnoli, under the leadership of Douglas Sprigg, theatre chair, and with the able assistance of a renowned design team, helped build a department in which the number of majors would triple over the next four years. Further, quantity is at least matched by quality. Middlebury's entries consistently rate well in New England regional collegiate theatre competitions, and in 1995 Howard Barker's *Scenes from an Execution,* directed by Romagnoli, won the National American College Theatre Festival and was presented at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

At the same time they came to Middlebury, Faraone and Romagnoli also embarked on an experiment called the Potomac Theatre Project (PTP). This theatre company based in Olney, Maryland, just outside of Washington, D.C., relies on the combined talents of professionals and Middlebury students. A politically charged collective partially underwritten by the College, PTP is alive and well after a decade of performances providing a stage for many of Middlebury's most promising actors.

While all over the country Middlebury alumni are acting, directing, and writing, New York City has of late become a hotbed for Middlebury-related theatre activity. The Blue Light Theatre Company, a brainchild of Greg Naughton '90 that includes several Midd alums on its impressive company roster, has earned rave reviews for its productions and the support of some of the theatre world's biggest names. Frank Langella, Paul Newman, and Joanne Woodward, for example, serve on its board of advisers. Many more alumni are working off-Broadway or attending graduate programs at NYU, Juilliard, Columbia, and the New School. Others, of course, are waiting on tables, waiting for their big break to come.

Last summer, I sat down in New York with four of these brave souls, talking about their reasons for becoming actors and their experiences trying to establish themselves in one of the most competitive fields in the most competitive city in the world. After all, as the song says, if they can make it here, they can make it anywhere.

We are in the Edison Café, an industry hangout near Times Square known affectionately as "The Polish Tea Room." A question hangs in the air. "Where will you be in five years?" Ana Reeder '94 thinks for a moment, then downs another cup of coffee.

"Extremely wealthy, having done a lot of work," she says. She tells me she will have filmed "a load of movies" and own "a beautiful farm in Connecticut. I'll be doing plays and have my own theatre company, creating work I'm interested in, giving a home to artists whose voices I find beautiful." Reeder laughs. "Ridiculous," she says. "Hopefully, I'll be working consistently."

Reeder needn't worry. This fall she played the pistol-packing Hedda Gabler in a production of Ibsen's masterpiece, part of her third year training in New York University's graduate acting program. The NYU experience, which has allowed Reeder the chance to work with directors Robert Woodruff and Liviu Ciulei, has also provided a necessary dose of reality. She acknowledges that at Middlebury, "Richard [Romagnoli] and Cheryl [Faraone] do a good job of intimidating people into having a really heavy-duty work ethic. . . . Still, you're in college, you're working through this thing about 'pulling it off.' I think the biggest difference between that and grad school is that you're in a pool of people where it's just not enough to 'pull it off.' In fact you're cheating yourself—you could do something and do it fine, not having worked on it, but it's stupid because you end up being mediocre instead of a talented person who works very hard. Professionals push themselves because they're interested in moving forward for their own selves—not in getting away with something, but in doing it."

Looking at herself now, three years out of Middlebury, Reeder sees a "more detailed actor. Much, much more subtle in terms of character. Midd shies away from the idea of character acting because they're afraid people will start to play qualities [an acting term, meaning, roughly, "broad strokes"]. They may very well be right. I think that in terms of perception, a lot of it is about slowing down, having patience, really taking the time to go from A to B to C to D. Midd made me a much smarter actor, because I didn't spend a lot of time trying to tie a fake hump on my back, but figuring out how the play works."

After a childhood spent roaming the globe (her family moved around extensively, from India to Cambridge to Colorado and then to Switzerland), New York is something of a mixed blessing to Reeder. "New York is the coming together of so many incredibly diverse people, and I think that is essentially important for an actor to deal with."

Ultimately, Reeder attests, for the working actor, New York is something of a wonderland. "It's so vivid—like the Ukrainian culture, and the Jewish culture, and the black

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culture—completely different ways of living your life together. Just amazing. I think that's great for actors. There's a huge amount to draw on. It's sort of inebriating."

"I've always wanted to be a character actor," Chris Duva '91 says. "In the business sense, I'm stuck because I'm not a handsome leading man and I'm not Jason Alexander. Nobody knows what to do with me. That's my problem. I'll get called back eight times for everything, and there'll always be someone who looks a little righter for the project."

Duva spent the summer out west reprising his many roles in *The Compleat Works of Wllm Shkspr (Abridged)*, a raucous comedy that ran for six months off-Broadway at New York's Westside Theatre. As a result of which, Duva is now pondering the price of success. "I'm stuck in a comedy loophole," he explains in between mouthfuls of pancakes and sips of black coffee. "It's much easier for me to be taken seriously as a comic actor, which has 100 percent to do with the success of *Compleat Works*. People want to pigeonhole you: 'Oh, he's the funny guy who wears a dress'—Jim Carreyesque."

Comedy may be Duva's forte, but Shakespeare figures more prominently on his resume. Before trashing the Bard in *Compleat Works*, Duva assayed roles large and small in *The Two Gentlemen of Verona, Timon of Athens, Measure for Measure*, and *Twelfth Night*. At Middlebury, Duva began acting almost as soon as he set foot on campus, challenging himself by taking key roles in productions of *Extremities, I'm Getting My Act Together . . .*, and *Savage/Love*, among others.

Between his junior and senior years, Duva worked with the Potomac Theatre Project (PTP), acting in Sarah Daniels' incendiary tract, *Masterpieces*. In many cases, PTP serves as a yardstick by which students may measure their true interest in "the business," and Duva was no exception. "The best part," recalls Duva, was "feeling like you could hold your own on a stage with people who were actually doing it professionally. It was nothing compared to doing a show for six months, but it was the first time I ever felt like, 'Wow. You do a show for four weeks.' Which seemed like a long time at that point."

Francesca Di Mauro '83

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Although Hollywood has yet to come knocking, Duva recently made his film debut in an independent feature directed by Bart Freundlich titled *The Myth of Fingerprints*. The experience allowed Duva to spend two weeks working in North Conway, Maine, alongside "ER" actors Noah Wyle, Julianne Moore, Roy Scheider, Blythe Danner, and James LeGros. Like many, Duva is cautiously optimistic about his future. In a business where "the people who get the respect are the people who do movies," Duva must take rejection, and unemployment, in stride.

"I was out the other night with a friend of mine who's an actor, and he said, 'The only good part about being an actor is getting the call [that you got the job]. Everything else from there is downhill.' That says a lot to me about what actors do to themselves psychologically."

So where does Duva hope to be in five years? "Alive," he says. "There's fantasy and then there's reality. Ideally, I'd like to be a recognizable and respected name in the business on both coasts." He takes a sip of coffee, then smiles.

"Nothing huge."

We are in a conference room high above Park Avenue. In between bites of vegetable foccaccia, Francesca Di Mauro '83 talks about her life in the theatre and her life in New York. Italian by birth, Di Mauro grew up in Rome, but in 1977, after a stint in Somalia, her family moved to the United States.

While she didn't intentionally set out to be involved with theatre, Di Mauro got a role in *The Butter and Egg Man* during her first year at Middlebury and says, "Once I got on that stage I felt like everything was coming together."

Eventually, Di Mauro found her way to New York, where she took classes at the famed Circle in the Square Theatre Conservatory, including voice classes with Richard Erickson. Here she learned to change her speaking voice, losing a pronounced Italian accent. But she had to eat so she entered the restaurant business.

"I started working at Sardi's," she admits, referring to the fabled Times Square watering hole, "which was a hoot because there are these old-timers, the waiters there. They've got

their clients, they've got their tables, and they are WOLVES in the kitchen. It's a total hierarchy. So I was working in the lounge upstairs, but you'd have to fight with these men who were ruthless. It was interesting. I'd never waited on tables before in my life."

She landed her first major television spot in the Sidney Sheldon miniseries "Rage of Angels," playing a role she calls "The Nun." This turned out to be something of a windfall for Di Mauro, who found an agent through the experience and started auditioning more frequently for film, television, and commercials. "I became known as 'The Italian Girl,'" she says. Still, the ability to affect a perfect Italian accent does have its advantages: since "Angels," Di Mauro has been prominently featured in a series of Microsoft and IBM commercials, and still receives calls today.

Di Mauro and her husband, Ryan Bowker, met in 1987 while touring with a children's theatre company. They remain partners in both life and work, devoting themselves to a local theatre troupe, The Actors Company Theatre (TACT), which presents staged readings of classic texts. Recently, both made cameos in Tom DiCillo's highly acclaimed comedy *Living in Oblivion*.

Last winter, Di Mauro returned to her roots, somewhat, in the Potomac Theatre Project's touring production of Howard Barker's *Scenes from an Execution*. Getting cast as art critic Gina Rivera, Di Mauro claims, was equal parts talent and serendipity. According to the story, producers Faraone and Romagnoli were having some trouble casting the role of Gina, when Alex Draper '88 suggested Di Mauro. Then they found out she had attended Middlebury.

"It was a terrific audition," says Faraone. "It was one of those coincidences where you think, 'Oh, this is meant to be.'" Di Mauro appeared as Gina in *Scenes'* return engagement at the Olney Theatre in Maryland, then reprised the role in its New York run at the Atlantic Theatre in Chelsea. "It's by far the best theatre experience I've had to date," she says, beaming.

Will Di Mauro stay in New York? Thirteen years after graduation, eight years after "Rage of Angels," and three years after the founding of TACT, she is a seasoned professional, having acquired a necessary showbiz savvy. "I think after living here all this time, one thing that is undeniable about New York is that it really has an energy, a force that is extremely seductive. It pushes you to be your best. It can also depress you because there are so many excellent people around you, and so many driven people. They're ambitious, and they know how to network. It can really work against you. If you don't want to swing like that, you have to be prepared to take a back seat. It really takes a while to find your balance."

Stuffing his mouth with Greek salad, Alex Draper '88 is pointing excitedly at some photographs. "That's me in my fight scene. That's me doing my own stunts," he says, describing a recent trip to India, where he filmed a principal role in the phenomenally successful *Kalipaani*. Draper seems to lose about 15 years as he paints a picture of a wonderland beyond his wildest dreams.

"You can go water skiing for 45 minutes for six cents! See, the English set up this penal colony on these islands. It was an incredible hotspot—Ross Island—it was called 'the Paris of . . .' whatever, the Southeast. An unbelievable island, where all of the officers lived. They had heated swimming pools. It was crazy! What happened more and more was that they started turning it into a concentration camp and any freedom fighter was sent to this place. It was like Devil's Island. Basically thousands of them died slowly or were killed because it was incredibly harsh being there, and nobody's ever made a movie about it because it's this incredibly embarrassing page in their history."

It's hard to keep up with the story, but then, Alex Draper has always set the pace. His roles at Middlebury are too numerous to list, although it should be noted that he played the lead in Richard Romagnoli's inaugural production on the Wright Theatre stage of *No End of Blame* by Howard Barker. Since then, of course, Romagnoli has directed more Barker plays than anyone on the planet, both at Midd and with PTP, and Draper has played lead roles in most of them.

After Midd, Draper moved to New Haven, where he spent three years at the prestigious Yale School of Drama. One of his first acting jobs

Chris Duva '91

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out of Yale was a production of *Three Sisters* at the McCarter Theatre in Princeton, New Jersey, with Frances McDormand, Linda Hunt, Laura San Giacomo, and Mary Stuart Masterson. More PTP gigs followed, a spot on "Law and Order," and a guest teaching position at Middlebury. This past summer, he acted at Williamstown in Joanne Woodward's production of Clifford Odets' *Rocket to the Moon* with Marisa Tomei. Nowadays he wonders exactly what's going to become of *Kalipaani*, a film which has reportedly been seen by over two hundred million people—in India.

That's a lot of acting for someone who initially intended to major in English and pass quietly through his four years at Middlebury. That is, of course, until he met Sprigg, Romagnoli, and Faraone. Although the idea of going pro never occurred to him, he admits that his Midd experience made quite an impact.

"Their investment is contagious," Draper says. "It wasn't the specifics of what I was taught. It was much more the way in which they approach it." This mirrors Draper's enthusiasm for PTP, in whose very first season *(No End of Blame* and *Trial of the Catonsville Nine)* Draper was prominently featured.

"The whole PTP aesthetic . . . I thought all professional work was gonna be like that, and that is *so* not the case. Sometimes people act for the money, which of course you're not doing at PTP. Certainly in terms of work ethic, and exposure to professionalism, it's great." He has since participated in six seasons.

Middlebury also featured prominently in his recent experience filming *Kalipaani*. Alumnus Govind Menon '90, a native of India who is making something of a career for himself in the thriving Indian film industry, apparently was referred to Alex by "Romagnoli/Faraone Casting," Draper smiles. The film also features Midd alums John Kolvenbach '88, Kristin Ketterer '93, and David Barlow '95. None of them knew what they were in for—especially Draper, whose role as the villainous prison warden was essentially the film's lead. "The modern equivalent would be like me calling up Govind and saying, 'Come over to the States and be in this movie. It's a little movie called *A Few Good Men*.

"I'm serious. It's ridiculous. I worked with the biggest movie stars in India. The whole thing is totally nutty. We were totally treated like kings." *Kalipaani*, a true story of one of India's darkest chapters, is now the biggest grossing film of all time in India. I ask Draper if the film contains sex or special effects. "Worse," he replies. "History."

Draper, primarily a stage actor whose successes have been limited to regional theatres in his homeland, cannot grasp the extent of his fame on the other side of the world. "They're doing this thing now called 'The Making of *Kalipaani*.' Every news organization in the country has written at least five things on it, Govind said, because it's huge. I'm on TV all the time. It won all these awards."

In the middle of the Polish Tea Room, Draper sits back and marvels. His eyes light up as a boyish grin creeps across his face. "I am in a hundred and forty minutes of film." ■

Eric Winick '90, a playwright currently living in New York City, works by day as director of membership and marketing for the Drama League. At Middlebury, he directed seven plays, including The House of Blue Leaves, Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All for You, *and* The Dining Room, *and acted in four, including Howard Barker's* No End of Blame. *He was the director of the Hepburn Zoo Crew for three years and a co-founder of Middlebury Radio Theatre.*

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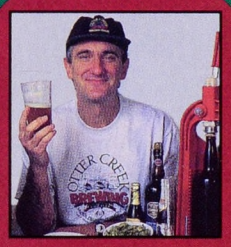


Deep Draft

Basement brewery creates the thinking man's beer

By Jay Heinrichs '77

Yeast, catalyst of beer and bread, was unknown to beer makers before Louis Pasteur. Long, long before the tastes-great-less-filling debate, long before drinkers remembered their first Pauli Girl or headed for the mountains or took a silver bullet—back in the days when every brewery was micro—yeast was not an ingredient in beer recipes. The brewmeisters had to use magic instead. In Germany, the meister would plunge a Magic Stick into a cauldron filled with malted barley, water, and flavorings, and suddenly the fermenting would begin. The stick's wooden pores contained live yeast from the previous batches. Some yeast got into the new brew with every dip of the stick, and, lo, there was beer.

"It's still a magical transformation," says Tom Martyn '77, basement brewmeister.

Before we get to the beer, I should tell you that Tom Martyn is one of the most thoughtful people I have ever met. You can see that from his magic comment. When we were roommates at Middlebury, Tom and I would sit around in the SDUs and discuss . . . you know, what people usually discuss when they're thoughtful people. We argued over whether Nixon or Jimmy Carter would be more fun at dinner or over why cars seem to go faster at night. We would keep talking when everyone else had left the table.

Tom hasn't changed. He can still explain almost anything and make it sound interesting, even structural insulated paneling, which happens to be his business. He's a thoughtful guy who plays bluegrass guitar and banjo, practices Zen Buddhist meditation, and apologizes after a body-check in ice hockey. Sure, his hairline has moved north, but that only makes his forehead all the more phrenologically *thoughtful* looking. I once saw him hold a match between his teeth and attempt to light it from a large bonfire. With his eyebrows singed and that great forehead the color of Harvard crimson, he never looked more thoughtful.

I can't imagine anyone better to show the true potential of beer—not as abused drug or mass-marketed product or essential element of fraternity-basement floors—but as the stuff of tradition and connoisseurship. As Tom will tell you, Americans find it hard to see anything complex about beer:

"We as a culture tend to take extreme positions on everything. Alcohol is either legislated away, or we have alcohol abuse. There's not much room, in the public debate at least, for people responsibly and socially consuming alcohol without the cloud of either abstinence or abuse."

It is that fertile, barley-rich, politically encroached middle ground—the field of moderation and complexity—that produces both liberal education and home brewing. You might say that Tom Martyn himself is a living antidote to excess—of both puritanism and alcoholism.

But I digress. We really should get to the beer.

Beer Number 1

Tom's beer cellar, if you can call it that, is a corner of a crowded basement in a house he built in Brattleboro, Vermont. He and his wife, Ellen Fairchild Martyn '77, fit nicely into the Vermont ethos. Ellen, who teaches kindergarten, used to bake semi-professionally. Tom manufactures material to build fuel-frugal homes, and he brews beer for fun. Although he is not the trendy type, he is definitely part of a burgeoning movement. In the age of family values, Americans are moving their vices into the home, beer among them. While beer drinking in general has declined more than 3 percent in the past decade, home brewing has taken off since a 1979 federal law allowed home brewers to concoct up to 200 gallons a year. Last year, home-brew suppliers did $200 million of business.

When I visit Tom it is a seasonably wintry day, good basement weather, and so we head straight downstairs to inspect his latest efforts: a Belgian strong ale, a German bock beer, an Octoberfest, a Belgian Trappist ale, an

Photographs by Stephen Long

English old ale, a Munich helles, a Kölsch, a Bavarian Dunkelweizen, and a Budweiser clone. Some of the beers are in liter bottles, some in tall kegs that look like Aqualungs. I feel a little daunted, like a skier above a double-diamond run. The prospect is dizzying.

"What do you want to start with?" Tom asks.

"You choose," I say, and he opens an unmarked bottle of the Belgian ale and pours the beer into two glasses shaped like brandy snifters. Tom bought the glasses some months ago during a brewery tour of Belgium. "The Belgians have a different glass for each beer," he says. I grunt interestedly and take a swig. It is wonderful—probably the third best beer I have ever had in my life, the first and second having been made by Tom (an India pale ale and the Belgian strong ale). And then I realize my faux pas: Tom is still swishing the beer around in his glass.

"Notice when you swirl it, some of it sticks to the glass," he says. "It means the beer is viscous—you'd say of wine that it has legs. That happens when the alcoholic content is high, about 8 1/2 percent in this beer." He sticks his impressive, beer-adapted nose into the glass and considers the bouquet.

"Dark, full-flavored, malty," he pronounces. "It smells fruity. You can also detect the ethanol and a little bit of propanol, which is a less desirable alcohol." He takes a well-disciplined sip, swishes it around his mouth, and swallows. "When you first taste the beer, you get a malty sweetness, a little raisiny even. Then the alcohol takes over and makes it dry. Then you end up with the taste of propanol, which isn't as clean."

He launches into an exposition that has something to do with fusel alcohols, brewing time, and temperature, and the paradoxical attempt to make a beer taste "soft" and bitter at the same time. I swirl my ale around in the snifter, raise it to my lips and swish some around on my palate. It tastes . . . good.

"I call it 'Nasty Abbotts,'" Tom says. "You ready for another?"

Well, sure. We walk back to the cellar for the Kölsch.

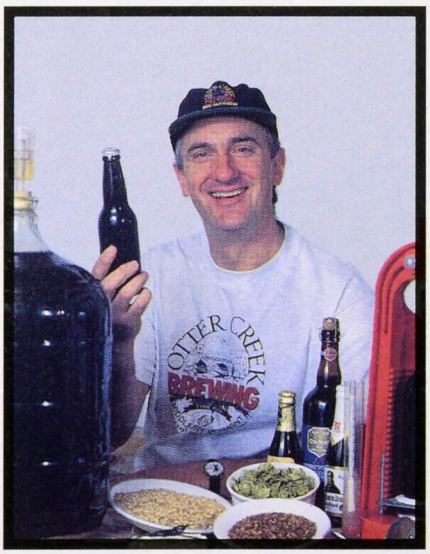
Beer Number 2

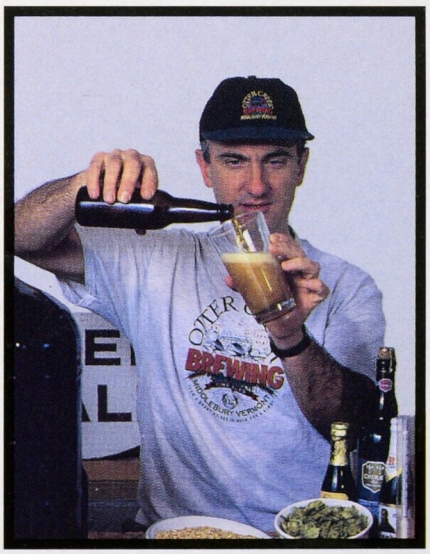
Tom may be thoughtful, but he's also competitive. "My ambition this season is to be Vermont Home Brewer of the Year," he says as we head down the stairs.

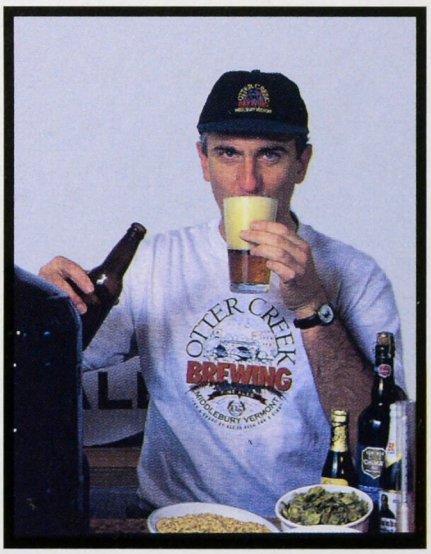
"There's a season?" I ask.

Tom explains that five New England home-brew clubs registered with the American Homebrew Association hold competitions each year, starting with a December event in Deerfield, Massachusetts, followed by Connecticut in January, Boston in February, Burlington in April (that's the one Tom hopes to win), and finishing up with Portland in May. You get three points for winning a blue ribbon in any one of the 21 brew categories at each event. If your beer is declared Best in Show, you get five points. The reigning champion New England home brewer is Dr. Thomas J. O'Connor III of Rockport, Maine, an obstetrician-gynecologist who is the Michael Jordan of New England beer. Last year Dr. O'Connor won 54 points in the five competitions; the second finisher got 18 points. Tom tied for eighth place with 10 points, thanks in part to a killer barley wine he concocted.

Tom also did well in the American light lager competition, in which home brewers attempt to knock off a Budweiser—not an easy thing to do, when you consider that Bud spends millions of dollars in quality control and keeps its formula (which is rumored to contain "natural" enzymes and additives) a secret. If you think making a Bud is hard, though, try and pull off a Bud Lite. "Light







"Deans used to be fairly pro-beer, now they're anti. Either way, administrations and alchohol don't mix. Deans are not beer-soluble."

beer is like compulsories in skating," says Tom, reaching the bottom of the stairs. "Few people do it because it's so hard—and besides, who wants to drink the stuff? Bud is why people got into home brewing in the first place." A light beer, he says, "is so delicate that there's nothing to mask any defect or variation from the target. A bit too much dimethyl sulfide and it'll reek of corn."

Tom contemplates this awful prospect while I stare expectantly at the closed door of the keg fridge. He finally notes my expression and starts tapping beer No. 2, the Kölsch, which is a German ale. That's a rarity—most German beers are golden-colored lagers. "Actually, it's very lagerlike," Tom says. "I just put it in the keg, and it's a little early to drink it. But let's give it a shot."

We give it a shot. The Kölsch is still "green," as Tom puts it. The yeast has not yet settled out, and it needs more carbon dioxide, which Tom injects into the keg. "It's sweet," Tom says, tasting it. The beer needs more time to smooth out and blend. We head up to the living room and do the Kölsch while listening to a tape a friend made of a Grateful Dead concert. We lie back and groove. The Kölsch is pretty darn fresh, I decide. It tastes like sugar magnolia, like blossoms blooming. . . .

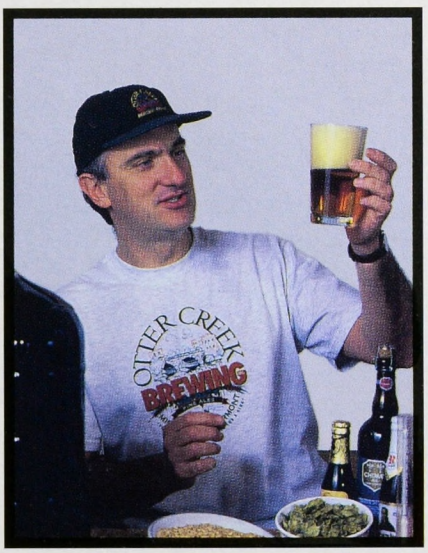
That last scene may have made you think, *Why am I reading about somebody else getting high?* Or you may have thought, *What is a beer story doing in a magazine of higher education?* Ah, read on, dear reader, read on through beer No. 5. As you undoubtedly know, beer and higher education are intimately related, albeit in a not altogether felicitous relationship. There were times when Jimmy Carter may have regretted being related to Billy, but they were still related.

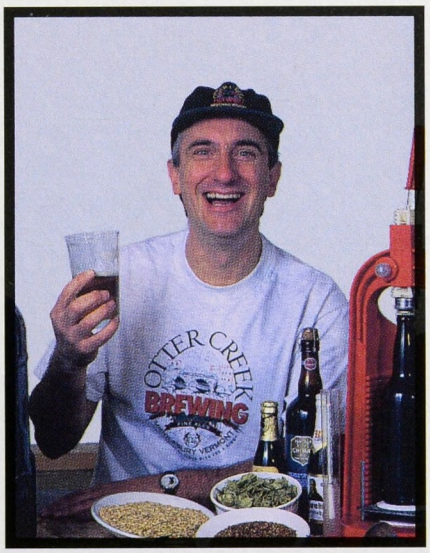
"Remember Billy Beer?" Tom says as Garcia does a solo. "That stuff gets sold at auction now."

We head back to the cellar.

Beer Number 3

Tom taps the Munich helles, which he describes as "a pale, light beer, like a pilsener only maltier." It tastes great. It's less filling. Tom's nickname for his version of the helles is "Helles Belles." Like most home brewers, he names most of his beers: Owd Tom's Bacchan Ale, White Men Can't Dunkelweizen (he begs me not to write this one down, but I tell him it's okay, I'm a journalist). He calls his India pale ale Resolution. "It's a good, English name, and the name of a ship," he notes. "An India pale ale is made strong and hoppy to last the long journey from England to the thirsty gullets of English soldiers in India." His witbier he calls Oxymoronic Flemish Wit. ("It's a Flemish beer, and the Flemish have no sense of humor. Actually, they do," he says, oxymoronically.) He makes a Belgian beer called Monty's MFBB, a name he won't explain since I've noted the Dunkelweizen. Plus he has invented some beers of his own, one of the more successful being "a highly hopped, very pale ale—more like a blonde ale—for a summer beer club picnic." He called it Hoppy Hoppy Joy Joy.





"Notice when you swirl it, some of it sticks to the glass," he says. "It means the beer is viscous—you'd say of wine that it has legs. That happens when the alcoholic content is high, about 8 1/2 percent in this beer."

Beer Number 4

The Munich helles goes quickly. I ask Tom what kind of people get into home brewing. He says most are men with some technical bent who first learn the art in their mid twenties. "That's an age when they can afford decent beer, and they're arrogant enough to think they can do better than the breweries." All you need is $40 worth of equipment and a willingness to start out making really bad beer. Home-brew supply stores have kits with the right amounts of ingredients, including extracts of grains in liquid or powder form. "You dump the extract into water, boil it, throw the hops in, boil it some more, chill it, and throw the yeast in. That's how simple it can be," Tom says. His expression clouds as he recalls his own first batch in 1986: "I didn't know about sanitation, and it was an infected, nasty, cidery brew, and I choked it down."

Beer gets infected the way a wound does. The atmosphere all around us swarms with bacteria waiting to inflame a cut or embitter an ale. An experienced home brewer puts a valve over his batch so that excess CO_2 can escape without letting the bad germs and wild yeast in. Tom mentions that he gave his worst early brews to friends who praised them lavishly.

"I shared those terrible beers generously," he says. "Sharing is an important tradition of home brewing." Happily forgetting his point about terrible beers, Tom gets into the Cause of Basement Brewing: "Home brewing is a communal experience," he says earnestly. "It brings people together. Megabrewing, on the other hand, is a means of fostering alcohol abuse in the name of corporate profits."

Tom says all this while preparing to share the strong ale—the Owd Tom's. I take a sip. It tastes . . . Well, it tastes . . . "You take an English bitter, make it stronger and less hoppy, and put a fruity nose on top of it," Tom says.

. . . Exactly.

The fruity nose emboldens me. I get provocative. "How can you be so connoisseury about something like beer?" I ask him.

"Is that a word?" he asks.

"Beer is prose. Wine is poetry," I say, ignoring him. "That's why I like beer. It's prosaic. It doesn't *need* a fruity nose," though I admit inwardly that Owd Tom's does have quite a schnozz.

"I don't think beer has any reason to hang its head vis-à-vis wine," Tom replies, slipping into vintner-speak. "Beers can be aged for considerable periods, just like wine. In Belgium I once had a '68 dubbel, a dark, nutty beer."

"Was it good?"

The fruity nose emboldens me. I get provocative. "How can you be so connoisseury about something like beer?"

"No, it was awful, actually. With some aged beers, though, you'd think you were drinking an old port."

But you wouldn't be. You'd be drinking beer. I ask him whether beer could begin to achieve the complexity, the *je ne sais quois,* of wines.

"I think there's more complexity and variety among beers than there is among wines," he argues. "There are more variables to play with. Take yeasts, which seem to be allowed much more expression in beer making than in wine making. Yeasts can be smoky, spicy, medicinal, floral, or fruity. There are 40 to 50 strains accessible to home brewers, and literally thousands if you cultivate your own. Home brewers used to get their yeast from bottles of Belgian Chimay, because its beer is bottle conditioned. Or you can pull yeast out of the air. You can put nutrients in a petri dish and cultivate a strain from a single yeast cell.

"Then there is the malt," Tom says as I drain my glass. "Malt is barley that has been wetted and allowed to partially germinate. The temperature is raised to stop germination—this is called kilning off. Then the malt is dried. The more malt, the more sugar, and potentially the more alcohol you end up with in the beer." He goes off and comes back with three big bags of malt.

"Here. Chew some of this six-row barley." It tastes, um, grainy. Then he has me do some Special B malt, kilned at a higher temperature. I detect raisins.

"The sugars in the husks caramelize during the kilning process," he explains. "That's the raisin taste." Last, he has me try roasted barley. "It's not even malted. They just take the grains and they cook 'em, just like coffee beans." They *taste* like coffee beans. Tom points out that roasted barley is used in Guinness Stout.

While I look around for something in the living room to drink—some water would be nice, a stout would be nicer—Tom moves on to hops. He explains that hops were first added to beer centuries ago as a flavoring and preservative. "There are probably 20 to 25 varieties of hops that are pretty available to home brewers," he says. "They go from intensely citrusy—you swear there's grapefruit in there—to floral to resiny to spicy. You can

mix different hops and add them to the process at different times.

"So how could you not have more variety than wine? You have a broader range of all ingredients."

I am no longer in a mood to argue. It is time to go home. Although we have taken seven hours to drink four beers, and we have been raiding the kitchen refrigerator for much of this time, I have asked my wife to drive. We look outside. Tom's long driveway is coated with ice, and freezing rain is pouring down. We decide to spend the night.

"You want another beer?" Tom asks.

Beer Number 5

This time he brings a single small bottle that he has bought overseas. "Now and then you have to return to the Muse," he says. I'm hoping only to get the taste of coffee-flavored barley out of my mouth. Tom pours some of the beer, a Belgian red ale called Rodenbach Alexander, into my glass. I taste sour cherries, more sour than cherry. "I don't hate this, but it's definitely on the far reaches of the American palate," I say, thinking of my own palate.

"I can take you farther," Tom says ominously. He recommends a Belgian beer called a lambic that has been deliberately infected with bacteria and wild yeast to make it sour. "Budweiser probably spends millions keeping these microbes away from their beers, and here are people deliberately letting them in," he says.

My palate has gone far enough. In the hope that he does not produce a lambic, I ask, "Why do Americans drink Bud?" Tom theorizes that American beers got light when men went off to World War II and women stayed behind to work in the factories. The women liked a lighter beer.

"But then, the nature of capitalism is its ability to change tastes," Tom says. "The brewers changed from making quality products to making money. They added adjuncts—rice and corn—which are cheaper than barley. Plus the bitterness levels of Bud have fallen 50 percent over the past 30 years. Beer companies actually advertise their lack of bitterness. Now Americans are conditioned to drink great volumes of tasteless swill so they can drink more—not drink *good*, not converse, not socialize, but drink more."

This seems a good time to bring up fraternities. Neither Tom nor I had much to do with them when we were at Middlebury. Our fraternities, our fonts of beer, were the Lyon's Den, Emilio's, Tony's, the Alibi. The drinking age was 18, and we could drink wherever we wanted to. The bad news was, we had to pay for our beer. The money imposed a degree of moderation. The higher drinking age now serves as an alcoholic enabler of sorts: It drives the beer undercover and converts most undergraduate drinking into alcohol abuse. This is America, after all. If you're going to abuse something, you might as well do it right.

Although Tom and I don't know very much about fraternities, after five beers we're perfectly willing to talk about them. We swap memories of watching stair diving at Slug. I tell him that "mung" is the name for the aged mixture of beer and vomit on fraternity basement floors. We talk about the interesting battle between deans and frat boys, a battle heavily stacked in favor of the boys, even at schools like Middlebury where there aren't supposed to be any fraternities. We recollect alcohol in the dorms of our era—the breathtakingly awful home brew that our classmates Tim Lindblad and Ed Phalen made, called Phalblad; the beautiful, barn-board-paneled bar that took up an entire room in the Batts; a dorm keg party during spring reading period, encouraged by a dean who thought we needed to relax.

"Deans used to be fairly pro-beer, now they're anti," I say. "Either way, administrations and alcohol don't mix. Deans are not beer-soluble."

"On the other hand," Tom says, "if the story you're writing was about somebody starting a vineyard, the deans would accept it, because wine isn't associated with mung."

"So how," I ask him, "how would you get rid of alcohol abuse at Middlebury?"

"I'd serve Chimay in the SDUs."

A very good, if facetious, point. Abuse has absolutely nothing to do with what Tom calls "the complex, rich, chewy, beguiling vinous if well-aged Chimay." Complexity implies moderation. But with Tom's beers, we're not just talking complexity, we're talking virtuosity.

"Everything I learned about beer goes back to poli sci," Tom asserts in a conversational leap that is no non sequitur at this hour. "It was at Middlebury that I learned the concept of *arete*, or virtue—that ineffable quality we call excellence."

We argue over the debate in Plato's *Republic* about whether perfection must be eternally perfect—whether something can be perfect if it has an imperfect past. Like Bill Clinton. Like Middlebury graduates. Like beer.

It's late, and my present seems imperfect enough. We go off to get ready for bed. His hand poised on the bathroom handle, Tom thoughtfully brings us back to topic. "What I like about home brewing," he says, "is seeking after the ideal." ■

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Class Secretary: *Dr. Ward Oliver, 35 North Grand St., Cobleskill, NY 12043.*

1926

Class Secretary: *Lindley W. Robinson, 33 Christian Ave., Concord, NH 03301.*

We regret to report the death of **Ruth Mehuron McGill** on October 6, 1996. Ruth served as our class secretary from 1966 to 1976, and was also active on the Middlebury College Alumni Council during those years. A native of Waitsfield, VT, Ruth belonged to local, state, and national teachers' associations, as well as the VT and National Poetry Society, the VT Folklore Society, and the "251" Club. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

1927

Reunion Class

Please send your news to the Alumni Editor, Middlebury Magazine, *Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Edith Markwell Hawley writes that she recently celebrated the 65th anniversary of her marriage to James R. Hawley. "At 92, still driving own car. Attended retirement of son Peter from Air Force Reserve." Congratulations, "Pete"! ■ The recipient of the Class of 1927 Scholarship is once again Robin Hulbert, a junior from Derby, VT. A biology major, Robin comes from a Middlebury family. Her mother, Kaaren Wishinski Hulbert '67, is a teacher at Holland Elementary School in Derby, VT. Robin's grandfather, the late Anthony Wishinski '42, was a teacher and coach who retired in 1976. After that he devoted 20 years to being Santa Claus to thousands of youngsters, raising money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

1928

Class Secretary: *Mrs. J.D. Coombs (Miriam Sweet), 13 Highland St., Concord, MA 01742.*

Winter finds several of us in new locations: **Helen Bailey**, 117C, Hillside Ter., Claremont, NH 03743; **Marguerite Kent Fitzpatrick**, 13 Hyler St., Thomaston, ME 04861; and **John Hoyt**, Homestead Village, 1800 Village Cir. Apt., Lancaster, PA 17604. ■ Evelyn **Carney**, who still lives at 3525 Roslyn St., Riverside, CA 92504, would love to hear from any of **Ab**'s classmates. She writes that she is learning to do things by "feel." "At Braille Club, I've done several crafts—macramé, leather, and beadwork. I'm making ceramic wind chimes. The pattern is a musical note. They are being fired now and I'll paint and glaze them." She's reading her 50th "talking book." A young friend lives with her. Ab and Ev came to our reunions, particularly enjoying any chance to dance. ■ **Elizabeth Hayes Balch**, a faithful reader of this column, enjoyed a three-generation adventure in Soldata, AK, on the Kenai Peninsula, where her grandson is manager of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. Her three Alaskan-born great-grandchildren made sure she didn't miss seeing a moose and twin calves strolling across the lawn. Elizabeth's nephew, John Rehlen '66, is one of the secretaries for the Class of 1966. We should persuade Elizabeth to come east in '98. ■ Ninetieth birthday celebrations continue. If **Helen Revere Hatch** had her way, hers was spent quietly with family and friends. ■ We're not sure what **Zella Cole Hibbert** had in mind for hers, but thanks to daughter Susan Hibbert Lardner '60, both the College and I were able to participate in some of the surprises her children had planned. ■ We're recruiting for our 70th Reunion. So far, with family assistance, Pres. **Hank Ferry, Tib Moody Rice, Zella Cole Hibbert**, and I hope to be at Midd in May '98. Peace and warmth from Mimi.

1929

Class Secretary: *Dr. Raymond J. Saulnier, 230 Heron Point, Chestertown, MD 21620-1676.*

From Ft. Collins, CO, **Emily White Wilmarth** and her husband report that they "still live in beautiful CO—with room for guests! We're busy, on our own, and happy. Can we report more?! We love news and guests—almost any time." One of their daughters is a busy rancher's wife in WY, another a university prof. in IN. The Wilmarths have five grandsons and two granddaughters, but have no great-grandchildren to report.

1930

Please send your news to the Alumni Editor, Middlebury Magazine, *Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Helen Kendall Dudey sends a letter to her classmates: "I have no material to have published in the next *Middlebury Magazine*! You must now send news directly to the address above. What news do I even have about myself? Only that I am now housebound. I have no serious problems. I am just aging! I trust that some of you are still able to enjoy life. Do you get out to church, theatre, clubs? All of us have lived busy and active lives since 1930, but we are having to accept changes now. Let us be happy that we have much more time for reading, at least." Let's all drop a note to our faithful correspondent and let her know how much we appreciate all her efforts during her THIRTY years as class secretary. Well done, Helen. Your College is very grateful.

1931

Class Secretary: *Miss Priscilla March, 103 River Mead Rd., Peterborough, NH 03458.*

Happy 1997 to the members of the Class of 1931. ■ **Phil Bates** writes that he has sung bass in a variety of singing groups for 73 years. Another bright spot for him is a men's coffee club. Meeting in Orleans each week, 75 to 100 men

of varied professions gather "to solve the problems of the day." He also belongs to a men's gardening group and particularly enjoys the dahlia part of his flower garden. He takes part as well in church work and the social activities of a yacht club. ■ **Ned Bray** has completed 10 years as voluntary curator of the geology collection of the Science Museum of Minnesota. His report on the reorganization of the collection will be published soon, as will his article on the Super-Niagara which existed at the end of the glacial age, some 11,000 years ago. He is still interested in environmental concerns and he frequently reviews books for the American Assoc. for the Advancement of Science. He has taken tours to Verona and Mallorca, as well as a cruise to the Panama Canal. ■ 1996 was a year of reunions for **Phil Brewer**, beginning with Middlebury's 65th. He then attended the 112th reunion of his mother's family in Lebanon, CT, where about 150 people were present at the family service in the Congregational Church, built in 1804 across from Gov. Trumbull's pre-Revolutionary home. His third gathering was the 55th reunion of his Tank Destroyer Battalion, with memories of England, Normandy, and Paris. ■ **Mary Bump** and her sister live in Glens Fall, NY, at Glen's Home, a facility for 24 women. Entertainments provided in the large living room have included one program presented by 17 violinists. Mary writes that she was thrilled to be accepted at Middlebury and remembers especially the chapel on the hill, where she cherished the Sunday services. She enjoyed having **Ruth Morrison Wilcox** as a roommate. ■ **Theta Conant Claflin** lives at Shell Point Village in Fort Myers, FL. She has an apartment and takes her meals in a beautiful dining room. Since ballroom dancing is her obsession, she takes lessons at the Fred Astaire Studio and competes in state competitions. As a volunteer, she does oral reading once a month and conducts a "sittercize" class five mornings a week. She also swims. ■ **Nathalie Lewis Emery** flew to Copenhagen in July. From there she boarded a small cruise ship and visited the Scandinavian countries, two Baltic isles, Estonia, St. Petersburg, and Amsterdam. This was a three-week National Trust Study Tour. Nathalie keeps busy with gardening and duplicate bridge. ■ **Ethel Rogers Byers** lives at the Waterford Health Center in Juno Beach, FL. She plays cards, checkers, and bingo, and is quite active in life at the center. She also enjoys sing-a-longs and parties. She is always glad to hear from her Middlebury classmates. ■ We were all deeply saddened by the September death of **Helen Legate Roberts**. We remember her fondly for her friendliness and leadership. "None named her but to praise." ■ We were again saddened in October by the death of **Gwendolyn Mason Lake**. She was to us the ideal classmate—fun loving, understanding, and intellectual. Throughout her life she contributed to others. Memorials for both Helen and Gwen appear elsewhere in this issue.

Class Act

Three Women with Somewhere to Go

The gorge was deep, wide, and menacing. Jagged cliffs veered straight down, and a single log offered the only way across.

When three young women wearing knickers, knee-high boots, and knapsacks on their backs came upon it, they must have hesitated—but just for a moment. It was the only way to the end of Vermont's Long Trail, so each one knelt down, straddled the log, and tediously inched herself across.

It was 1927, a time when people said women couldn't do things like hike Vermont's Long Trail alone. Catherine Robbins Clifford '23 and friends Hilda Kurth and Kathleen Norris proved them wrong.

Looking for summertime fun and adventure, the two 25-year-old teachers and 18-year-old high school graduate endured a month and a half of sleeping in isolated lean-tos and camping sheds, swatting biting flies, and eating homemade gorp to reach their goal. The Three Musketeers, as the women dubbed themselves, were the first women to take on the 265-mile-long trek alone, and they attracted nationwide attention.

Charles Lindbergh buzzed the women in the *Spirit of St. Louis*, and newspapers from coast to coast hailed their journey as a milestone for women's liberation. After all, women had gained the right to vote only seven years earlier, and many people pictured them hiking in long skirts and dress shoes, stepping daintily over rocks and tree roots along the trail. People thought they might trip, says Clifford's daughter Liz Paquette, ironically.

But Clifford, now 95 and living in a Rutland nursing home, always felt at home in the outdoors. She was a farm girl and a horse woman, and she hiked the whole Long Trail in her riding boots. She didn't have anything else to wear. At one point she hiked off the mountain into Rutland to have them resoled.

Clifford carried a hatchet along in her backpack to cut firewood, and one night she used it to kill a porcupine who had wandered into their camp and chewed on their backpacks.

She felt bad about killing it later, because she'd always been an animal lover, but the porcupines were always after their food, says Paquette. She certainly wasn't afraid of it.

Clifford didn't pay much attention to society's conventions throughout her life. She married at 31 and raised three children while working as a high school math teacher. She took many trips to exotic and rugged locales like the California mountains and Newfoundland.

When these three women hit the Long Trail, they weren't just walking in the woods. They were going somewhere.

Valerie R. Gregg

1932

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Gray N. Taylor (Georgiana Hulett), 133 Lawrence St., Embury 28W, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.*

Gray and **Georgiana Hulett Taylor** attended the Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf September 27-29. Plans for Reunion '97, scheduled for May 30-June 1, were discussed. It will be our 65th, so mark your calendar now. In recognition of their long service as class secretaries, Gray and Georgiana were given a beautiful annotated picture volume of life at Middlebury. ■ **Avis Collins Fleischer** writes: "In spite of macular degeneration in both eyes, I had the good fortune of being taken to an Elderhostel program at Biddeford, ME. The subjects were ecology, artists of ME, and the right brain." ■ **Alice Cady Russell** writes from her retirement community: "Aside from the time spent in the art room four days a week, I keep quite busy as chair of the library committee. After a bad fall, I still have some difficulty with stairs." ■ **George Owen** has completed 60 years as an ordained minister. Now residing in Lawrence, KS, he is pastor emeritus of the Plymouth Congregational Church. George is the son, grandson, and great-grandson of ministers. He served as a Navy chaplain during World War II as lieutenant commander, then subsequently served as pastor of several churches in New England and FL. Since George has a graduate degree in architecture, he has been adviser to numerous churches on building programs. Now retired, he spends much of his time in his woodworking shop, making furniture, bird-

houses, and toys for his great-grandchildren. ■ **Madison (Mat) Hess**, who is still swinging his golf clubs, says that he and Katie are both well. It wouldn't be surprising to see his name on the roster of senior tournament players. ■ **William (Bill) Dorn** says, "I walk a lot and am enjoying general good health. Attending to my business affairs keeps me busy." ■ We regret to report the death of Dr. **Frederick W. Hayward** on September 16 at Holmes Regional Medical Center in Melbourne, FL. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

1933

Class Secretary: *Mrs. W. Dale Brown (Miriam Barber), 2830 Elmwood Ln., Mount Dora, FL 32757; telephone 352/735-5761.*

Emerging from what might qualify as "the deep waters of traumatic change" caused by a major long-distance move from NY state to FL over Labor Day weekend, order is gradually returning to the Brown household! A new desk arrived last week and Midd files are coming slowly to light. Be of good cheer, classmates. By the new year, I expect to be back on track. Birthday notes will start up again then, for sure. Meanwhile, I send special *Happy Day!* greetings by radar to each on his/her date. ■ **Hewitt (Red) Page** hopes to make it to our 65th in '98. Let's ALL think likewise! My *Kaleidoscope* visited a book bindery before coming south, to be reconstituted in preparation for reunion. Translate: "Dale and I plan to see you there." ■ Tom **Warthin** ("And how did I get a '33?") has kept in touch since **Ginnie**'s death in late '95. He has been very ill himself with recurring Big C problems. We are sure he's getting needed help. ■ Word from Barbara Cairoli in NJ told of the death of her beloved aunt, **Dorothy Britnell**. Dot was a truly loyal member of our class. In December '95, she had moved to a retirement home near Barbara, due to recurrent pneumonia. Three hospital stays later, her stamina gave out. "She had enjoyed a long, happy, productive life and was ready to leave us," in July '96. We'll all miss her and extend our sympathy to her devoted family. A memorial appeared in the fall issue. ■ We also send the sympathy of the class to the family of **Kenneth E. Dodd**, who died on August 1, 1996. A memorial appears elsewhere in this magazine. ■ **Alan Painter** was kind enough to write and express appreciation for our tribute to **Ginnie Whittier Warthin** in a previous column, feeling, as we all do, that we were very fortunate to have such a loyal and talented classmate. He had pneumonia twice last winter and spent a month in FL. Here's to a better season this year, Al! He also spoke of the sudden death of Eleanor "Bill" Benjamin '32, while traveling in Norway. She had dual loyalties, to our class and hers, and always attended our reunions in recent years. We shall miss her.

1934

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Andrew W. Reid (Eleanor Orde), 25 Walhowdon Way, Lebanon, NH 03766; and James A. Fechheimer, 26 Salem Way, Glen Head, NY 11545.*

Classmates of **Elizabeth French** will be saddened to learn of her death on November 9, 1996. Betty was everyone's friend and our class poet. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

1935

Class Secretaries: *Miss Avis E. Fischer, Wood River Vge., #J102, 3200 Bensalem Blvd., Bensalem, PA 19020; and Alma Davis Struble (Mrs. Robert), 1977 Marlboro Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348.*

Natalie Dunsmoor's letter was full of activities, including Alumni College at Bread Loaf. She is one of three charter members with perfect attendance since '76. ■ Bridge is still one of **Betty Coley Congdon**'s favorite pastimes. ■ Though she has cut back on golf, **Grace Harris Wieners** and her husband traveled to AZ, toured the Canadian Rockies, visited her daughter in MD, and hosted more family in August. With that schedule, when could one play golf? ■ **Avis Fischer** was on the go this summer and fall: 10 days in July visiting a South African friend in Saskatchewan, Canada; a week in Columbus, OH, in late August; eight days at the beach in Ocean City, MD, in September; and another eight days in Frederick, MD, in October. She expected to stay home for the winter, probably to hibernate.

1936

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. M.W. Herrington (Ret Hanson), P.O. Box 390, Saranac Lake, NY 12983; and Mr. Richard Dempewolff, RR 1, Box 29E, Henryville, PA 18332.*

A call from **Dick Chase** brought the sad news of **Doug Rubb**'s death in West Pymble, Australia, on September 1, 1996. According to his sister, efforts to close out his home and affairs in order to return to the U.S. brought on a fatal heart attack. ■ At September's Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf, our workshop for class secretaries was joined by **Aggie Harris Taylor**, since she helps with class news. **Ret Hanson Herrington** dropped off husband Max (recovering from surgery) to stay with Bob Taylor (whose health is failing). (Aggie observed, "They're baby-sitting each other.") At the conference, class secretary Nancy Brooks Richardson '68, Katy and **Gus Brooks**'s daughter, introduced herself and traded talk with your secretaries. We were greeted at the barn luncheon by **Dick Chase, Louise Hubbard McCoy**, Thor '39 and Carol Miner Gustafson '39, Paul Foster '37, and Margaret Scherholz Delfausse '37, resulting in a round of greetings and news-swapping. We later had discussions with Dick and Louise regarding President McCardell's remarks on Middlebury's plans and concerns. ■ Word from **Don** and **Carol Wheeler Easler** in Sun City, FL, is that it's cooler there in summer than it is in New England. *Hmmm!* The Easlers were anticipating the arrival of their three sons, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Don, who lost two vertebrae in his lower back eight years ago, also struggles with severe lower leg and knee problems, but he still plays golf regularly. "And," says Don, "every third time around I run the tournament." ■ Due to husband Henry's mobility problem, he and **Marion Hook Nyberg** were unable to head north from Punta Gorda, FL, for the 60th. They also missed granddaughter Marlisa (daughter of Christine and Peter Simonson '54) Simonson's graduation from Middlebury. ■ **Mary Dansereau Howard** writes that, with husband Carl unable to walk, they also had to bypass the 60th. But daughter Charlotte found a travel package accommodating a wheelchair, so last spring found the three of them exploring Provence, making forays into the French countryside in their rented car from a cheery rental "home" in the village of St. Antoine. Carl got to practice his French with street waiters in Avignon and each day they drove through colorful, cliff-hanging medieval towns along the lower slopes of jagged mountains, visiting ancient castles, cathedrals, churches, and Roman ruins, as well as haunts of artists like Van Gogh and Cezanne. ■ **Gus Brooks** reports that **Fran Wilkinson Russ** dropped by to check on Katy Brooks' recent memory problem. Her recovery under new drugs continues to improve without the medication, and she walks on a new hip without cane. Gus also heard from **Ret Herrington** and **Aggie Taylor**, who called to ask about Katy. Gus and Katy's daughter Nancy Brooks Richardson '68 visited and reported meeting your secretaries at the Bread Loaf conference. The Brookses put out a semi-annual fundraising newsletter for St. Johnsbury Academy, which they both attended. After some 70 years of bicycling for fun and (more recently) exercise, Gus has been doing "experimental research" on pumping and breathing techniques for his contemporaries. His instructions: "PULL legs up from behind as well as PUSHING down in front as you go, and pull up on handlebars right-arm-left-arm" in coordination with down pressure, breathing deeply in rhythm with the second, third, or fourth rotation of the pedals. The "threat to sanity," he observes, is far outweighed by going faster—"especially if the wind is behind you." ■ **Janet Howe Adams** made sufficient recovery from recent back trouble to resume travels with husband Charles to favorite places in FL and Bermuda. Plans called for a visit to their daughter in TX over Thanksgiving and a Caribbean cruise this winter. ■ Esther and **Malcolm (Mal) Gross** moved to Naples, FL, after his retirement from B.F. Goodrich in the Akron, OH, area. Occasional travels take them to CA and OR, where their two sons live. A recent summer jaunt brought them back to "Middlebury in the rain." In northern VT, they visited Mal's Brownington birthplace, with "a small church and rustic graveyard where Alexander Twilight, the first black to graduate from Middlebury, is buried." The old Middlebury grade school of which Twilight became principal has now been purchased by the College and refurbished as Twilight Hall. Mal still plays "respectable golf" that keeps him in shape, serves on "too many volunteer committees," and is also a lay minister in an Episcopal church.

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REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Barbara Hopkins (Barbara Gregory), 1021 W. Devonshire Rd., Delafield, WI 53018; and the Rev. Loring D. Chase, 10 Surry Hill Dr., Keene, NH 03431.*

Charles and Ruth Schaeffer '35 **Sawyer**, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last August, are considering coming to our 60th. Recently retired as a volunteer, he taught anatomy for 11 years at UCLA Medical School. The Sawyers keep active with their two grandchildren, taking them to a mountain retreat at Lake Arrowhead. ■ Last June, **Rita Cosenza Moore** and her husband flew to London, then cruised to St. Petersburg, Russia, and all the capitals of Scandinavia. In August, they headed for NH (where all her children go) and had a wonderful 80th birthday party with 36 relatives. She's also thinking about our reunion. ■ **Carol Bloom Chalmers** reports that "friends from here" (Manhattan, KS) recently returned from seeing VT, including the Middlebury campus. "Next best to going ourselves." Carol and John '38 spent a week with the grands and great-grands. They had lots of fun seeing San Diego and were

going to Boston for Thanksgiving. They've been busy "advocating" for children, especially children at risk because of poverty, abuse, and neglect. They're still into public health expansion in Manhattan, cheer for the local football team, and walk some three miles a day. All this, and they're also becoming computer literate. ■ **Nancy Blanchard Britton** is in her 10th year in "a nice retirement center for independent living." To anyone interested in retirement centers, Nancy recommends Michener's book *Recessional*, as well as *Out to Pasture, But Not Over the Hill*, a book by Effie Wilder (age 85). Still walking and playing dulcimer, Nancy is also active in Audubon and DAR. ■ **Mildred Trask Roesch** sends news of a new great-grandson, Kevin Farmer, born to their VT granddaughter Pam and her husband, Mike. ■ **Eileen Whitney Wilson** was sufficiently recovered from her December 1995 heart attack to accompany her family for a vacation at her family home outside Middlebury. ■ We're sad to report the recent death of Genevieve Darrow, widow of **John F. Darrow**, whom you remember as a loyal Middlebury volunteer and winner of the Alumni Plaque of 1968. When John died in 1982, Genevieve and John's business associates in the paper industry established a Memorial Scholarship Fund in their names, providing for a scholarship award each year to an undergraduate majoring in economics. ■ **Caroline Elliott Dorst** is too busy to list all her activities. A breast cancer survivor, Caroline wrote when she was celebrating the first day she didn't have to go to the local cancer clinic. She had a recital on the docket at Integrated Health in Claremont, where **Mel Couperus** is. ■ **Marion Gerling Church** remembers a visit from "Sheppie" a couple of years ago, and would like others to stop in. She sold her cottage on Great Sacandaga Lake to her cousin's children, so she'll still have the use of it. She had a total knee replacement and planned to have the other knee done in January. "Hope to make reunion if it heals in time." Marion keeps going by means of bridge—duplicate yet! ■ **June Jones Corbett** sounds off from Venice, FL, with a "Hrumph" for the golden years. She lost partial sight in one eye when a routine cataract operation went awry. But, as she says, life still goes on, and "we have high hopes of getting back for our 60th come next spring." While visiting old friends at Wake Robin, she met **Lois Bestor Craig** and **Doris Cutting**. ■ Ruth and **Phil Brown** celebrated their *60th* anniversary on September 19, 1995, with their son and daughter, their spouses were present, and a granddaughter. Phil is still bowling regularly and grows orchids with Ruth. ■ **Gertrude Dole** recently spoke to the Society of Woman Geographers in Coolfont, WV. In August and September she "did my annual thing in VT and NH—conferences, research on my high-hill project, visiting family and friends, and, most important, enjoying the woods and mountains." She also took part in the Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf, where she saw **Lois Craig** and **Doris Cutting** at Wake Robin, and then she saw **Walt Brooker, Bill Craig, Margaret Scherholz Delfausse, Paul Foster**, and **Robby** and **Ruth van Sickle Robinson**. She also visited **Sue Hathaway Hopper** in Middlebury. "It's amazing, but they all seem to me to be the same people they were 60 years ago—with a little physical modification here and there." ■ **Walt Brooker** was at Bread Loaf with the 60th Reunion committee. He and Bobbie Carrick Brooker '40 took a cruise through the Panama Canal, as well as their annual salmon fishing trip in the Alagash country of northern ME. "Fortunately, my guide remembers me from earlier years and is patient and understanding of my difficulties in getting in and out of his canoe." ■ Beryl and **Robert Morgan** are "so grateful for three wonderful sons." They are now watching as their sons "go through the family raising experience." ■ **Paul Foster** described Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf as "a good time, a fun time, a serious time." He met Dick Chase '36 and Dick Dempewolff '36 there as well. Paul missed our 55th Reunion because of wife Audrey Dimm Foster's ('39) failing condition, but he plans to be back for our 60th Reunion. ■ **Bill Craig** writes from La Jolla, CA, that he signed up for a course of study leading to appointment as a court appointed special advocate working with abused children. ■ **Doris Downing Daley** keeps busy making trips twice a week from Athens, NY, to visit her 102-year-old mother in Great Barrington, MA. "She's very alert mentally, so I enjoy my visits." ■ **Charlotte Colburn Shea** keeps in touch with **Hilda Simonds Crosby**, Madeline Buttles '38, and Roxanna Blackmore '36. Charlotte and her husband come to VT every summer from Sarasota, FL. "We drove over Bread Loaf Mountain one day and remarked how the forests are again abundant in VT. Let's hope that VT will always stay green and unspoiled as it is now."

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Gertrude Dole

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Class Secretaries: *Miss Madeline S. Buttles, 33 Christian Ave., Concord, NH 03301; and Mr. Allison S. Beebe, RR 3, Box 8324, Heritage Hill #13, Rutland, VT 05701.*

Ruth Sheldon Pratt wrote a heartwarming letter upon returning to her FL home from a recent reunion with son David and family in OR. She writes, "I met my new granddaughter, a Chinese baby girl who observed her first birthday on September 22. Dave and his wife traveled to China to pick up the baby and conclude all arrangements for the adoption. Anie (Chinese for little sister) was in a Chinese orphanage in Yueyang Hunan Province." Ruth noted that there are more than a million female babies abandoned each year as a result of extreme poverty in many rural areas, plus the government's policy of one child per family and the preference for male children. Ruth concluded, "I was so glad to see this baby and hold her. She is a doll." In OR, the Pratts have an older daughter in college and a son still in high school. ■ **Marion McKenney** was looking forward to a trip to Holland to visit her daughter, Marjorie, who has been recuperating from an illness. The trip was delayed until son Carleton, who was to accompany his mother, finished harvesting 700 acres of corn. The McKenneys operate a big farm! ■ In preparation for Midd's Bicentennial, **Becki Abbott Brooks** has been foraging for items dating back to Midd '05 (her father) and '06 (her mother). Becki writes that there was plenty of social life and occasional hi-jinks on campus. ■ **Madeline Buttles** had some misgivings about attending the Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf in September, with no classmates scheduled to be there. However, through seminars, get-togethers in the Barn, meals, and Sunday chapel, she came in contact with many Middlebury friends and enjoyed reminiscing with Carol Miner Gustafson '39, Priscilla March '31, Ruth Packard Jones '41, Helen West Burbank '41, Betty Wolfington Hubbard '41, and Louise Hubbard McCoy '36. It was a challenging and stimulating weekend, with the focus on the year 2000 and the 200th anniversary of the College. ■ On the Charlotte-Essex ferry last October, **Beulah Hagadorn** noticed a car with a Wyckoff Ford sign on it. She then struck up a conversation with a passenger, saying, "When I was at Middlebury College over 60 years ago, there was a girl in my class from Wyckoff." The response she received was, "That was I—I'm **Tommy Leslie Hall**." The two had a delightful visit during the short trip across the lake. ■ After six months of hospitalization and rehabilitation, **Jim Miner** is now on the mend. Every spouse knows what **Florence Hulme Miner** has been going through, as well as Jim, during his illness. The Miners were able to spend several days in August at their camp on St. Albans Bay, with children and grandchildren. "An up for both of us," wrote Florence. ■ Dale and **Janet Randall Morgan** visited Charlie and **Tommy Leslie Hall** at Wake Robin in September. The Halls enjoyed a great reunion in July to celebrate Tommy's 80th birthday. Sixteen family members gathered at Ingles Falls, Ontario, where Tommy's great-grandfather settled when he arrived from Scotland in the 1840s. ■ As this is being written, Frank and **E. Barnum Gardner** are on a cruise through the San Juan Islands and the Strait of Georgia in British Columbia. ■ Tut and **Betty Gates Tuttle** planned to move to Kendall retirement colony in Hanover, NH, sometime in December. Kendal meets their requirements, Gatesie writes, in that "it provides cultural offerings, intellectual challenges, the outdoors, and compatible friends." Active in alumni fund drives, Gatesie has reconnected with classmates, several of whom she had not heard from in years. One delight was calling on **Jack Keir** and meeting his new wife, Anne, at their summer home in North Hartland, VT. She also enjoyed a recent luncheon with **Helene Cosenza Chase**. Writes Gatesie: "As often has been the case with Middlebury friends, though years may have passed since the last visit, it is as if we had just seen each other a short time ago. And not so much recounting the college days of our past, but exchanging ideas, sharing hopes, and challenges of the future." ■ Keep the news coming.

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Thor B. Gustafson (Carol Miner), One Prudence La., Brookside, NJ 07926; and Mrs. Raymond J. Skinner (Ruth Coleman), Brainerd St., P.O. Box 52, Danville, VT 05828.*

It is with great regret that we report the death of **Beth Heward Jackson**. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. **Bettie Letson** informed us that Beth had been ill for a long time and

kept going courageously for as long as she could. Bettie and Beth talked on the phone every Sunday morning for years and shared their mutual happy memories of Middlebury friends and the many trips they had taken together. **Pat Brewer Chadwick** and **Coco Wade** often joined them. In mid-September, Bettie, Pat, Coco, and **Betty Mettler** and her husband John got together for a long weekend at Mystic, CT, for a reunion of Victory Chimes "sailors." ■ We also understand that **Don Stone**, who lived in Danville, NY, died last fall. He had retired from the postal service. Don was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity. ■ **Marjorie Kohr Lovell** and **Louise Avery** got together recently. Louise was planning a November steamboat cruise on the OH River. ■ We wish **Mel Carter** well as he recovers from a recent illness. **Ruthie Coleman Skinner** visited **Dot Korb Carter** recently. Ruthie and **Marge Marsh Veronneau** attended a matinee at the UVM theatre, with Ruthie's grandson playing the lead in *Elephant Man*. ■ **Art** and **Bev Browning Gilbert** are planning to move to Wake Robin soon. ■ Dave '44 and **Evie Wheeler Stagg** sold their home on Lake Bomoseen, where they had lived for 50 years, and spent the winter at their condo in Naples. Two daughters remain in VT, one just finishing divinity school. ■ **Len Anderson** writes from FL that he plays golf a couple of times a week and is looking forward to the 60th! ■ **Joyce MacKenzie Cropsey** is national chairman of the Microfilm Center for the DAR, a repository for microfilm and microfiche for genealogical researchers. She is moving information onto computers and CD Roms. We congratulate her on her abilities! ■ Congratulations to **Tom** and **Gert Bittle Murray**, who celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary this summer. They enjoyed their summer at home, with visits to local historic sites. They are fortunate to have four grandsons nearby. Tom celebrated his 80th birthday in early September. ■ **Olive Holbrook Nagle** had a spring visit from **Jeanette Olson Gould**, taking in some concerts and reminiscing about Middlebury. Olive took a series on the architecture of music at the Smithsonian, which was given by Timothy (Schoolboy) Rowe '38. Timothy was the composer of "High, high up in the hills." Olive enjoys good health and the cultural advantages in Washington. ■ Vail and **Ginny Orde Church** were in Nantucket and ME off season. We have not heard whether their business has been sold. ■ Loyal class agent **Bert MacFadden** is still in a world of children (as a pediatrician) and dogs (wife Petra's Siberian huskies). They don't get to enjoy their cottage on Lake Dunmore much, but they had a trip to New Zealand last winter and were planning to spend September in Kennebunkport, ME. ■ Marilyn and **Bill Stoops** enjoy the easy living of CA and travel to see their son in Seattle and daughter Kate in Van Nuys. ■ We are happy to report that **Irene Fernandez Anderson** is recovering well from her automobile accident. She and husband Norman were in Washington for a conference sponsored by the CRASH program. They also enjoyed a cruise in the Greek islands in August, a switch from their usual golf vacations. ■ We (**Carol** and **Thor**) found several valid reasons to attend Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf in September. We had some genealogical research to do in the Williamstown, MA, region for daughter Gwenda Gustafson Malnati '67 and got to meet four of her friends at Middlebury, preparing for their 30th Reunion. We longed to see VT again in the fall and also, as your secretaries, we felt an obligation to expose ourselves to the updating the conference would provide. With Carol driving, Thor watched the total eclipse of the moon as we drove up to Williamstown Thursday evening. Since one of Carol's ancestors held title to many acres on Mt. Greylock, we decided to go up to the lodge on the summit, where we happened upon a professor from Williams giving a lecture to an Elderhostel group about Mt. Greylock and its former owner. Imagine his surprise when Carol introduced herself as the sixth generation granddaughter of the man about whom he was lecturing! It was a remarkable coincidence. On the way to Middlebury, we encountered traffic jams in Bennington and Rutland that made our NJ area look good. After arriving at Bread Loaf, life was great. We met many old friends, roomed across the hall from Robbie '37 and **Ruth Van Sickle Robinson**, attended several excellent lectures and seminars, ate excellent food, and appreciated the work of a dedicated college staff. We had the opportunity to talk with Rachel Morton, editor of *Middlebury Magazine*, and got some firsthand perspective on the challenges she faces creating an outstanding magazine, rated second in the nation, while working within necessary financial restrictions. The crowning event was a tour of the Old Chapel restoration and seeing the new natatorium, the most beautiful indoor body of water in the state of VT. Another key event was President McCardell's talk on Middlebury in the next century and plans for a new science center to celebrate the College's 200th anniversary. We also had a wonderful visit with Correan and **Bob Cushman** in their delightful home with beautiful antiques in every room. Bob seemed well recovered from his recent operation. One grandson is in law school at Georgetown and the other is at Denison Univ. They had a surprise visit from Marilyn and **Roger Thompson** last May when the Thompsons traveled east for the funeral of Roger's brother. We also enjoyed a great visit with Walt '37 and Bobbie Carrick Brooker '40 in their lovely condo surrounded by beautiful gardens Bobbie has planted. ■ We hope many of you are planning to come to our 60th Reunion and experience Middlebury as it prepares for its 200th anniversary.

The crowning event was a tour of the Old Chapel restoration and seeing the new natatorium, the most beautiful indoor body of water in the state of Vermont.

Thor and Carol Miner Gustafson

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Class Secretaries: *Bob and Bobbie Plumer Alden, 51 Otterside Ct., Middlebury, VT 05753.*

We regret to report the death of **Franklin W. "Tiny" Myers** on July 14, 1996. At Middlebury, he was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity, played both varsity football and hockey, and was on the varsity track team. He was also active in the Mountain Club. We send the sympathy of the class to his wife, Janet, and to his daughter, Jane Myers Hunter '64. We are grateful to Jane for sending a letter about her father. She concluded her letter as follows: "In looking over these 'facts,' they seem so cut and dried and no reflection of the man himself, who was warm and loving. To those who knew him, there was nothing 'Tiny' about him, except his nickname. He is missed." ■ **Alice Atwood Spaulding** is still traveling as often as possible. "In July, I visited my son and family in Boise, a niece and family in Spokane, and my nephew (who came to our 50th Reunion with me) on Harstene Island, off Seattle. Last March it was Egypt." She planned a two-week trip to Italy this October. And she has "more plans for '97." ■ Your secretaries enjoyed attending the Alumni Leadership Conference on the Bread Loaf campus in late September. There were discussions and workshops, as well as social gatherings. In order to keep our news column alive, please fill out and send in the card bound in the back of *Middlebury Magazine*. We hope to hear from *all* of you.

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Class Secretary: *Lester W. Ingalls, P.O. Box 583, Middlebury, VT 05753; and Mrs. Edwin A. Riggs, Jr., (Dodie Lathrop), 46 Charles St., Auburn, NY 13021.*

Jan Eldredge Day writes: "I love a reason to return to VT and our 55th Reunion was the BEST! In August we celebrated Jafra's 40th birthday in Boston, followed, of course, with a visit to Cape Cod, then on to VT for a few days. Picking blueberries in Pomfret was a highlight, since the berries were bigger, better, and sweeter than I recall from 65 years ago." [*Ed. note: We regret the misspelling of Jan's maiden name in the summer issue and promise to send her a pint of blueberries if we don't get it right this time!*] ■ On August 7, **Charles** and **Doris Wolff Bartlett** returned to their Hawthorne, FL, home after a $2^1/_2$-month jaunt around New England and the contiguous states. They visited with relatives, friends, classmates, and former parishioners. "It was a special joy to see all four great-grandchildren." We are grateful for their yeoman service as registrars at our 55th Reunion, "where we got to see everybody!" ■ While we were celebrating our reunion in Middlebury, Dr. **Wilton "Bud" Covey** was on a mission of mercy in war-torn Bosnia, helping to arrange for refugees to emigrate to the West. ■ On a beautiful mid-August day **"Red"** and **Ginny Brooks Hutton**, Rose and **"Dingy" Wright**, **Muriel "Simmy" Kibby**, and **Joe "Summy" House** met for a KDR mini-reunion luncheon in Woodstock, VT. ■ In September, **Helen "Westie" Burbank, Gil** and **Elizabeth Wolfington Hubbard, Ruth "Packy" Jones**, and **Les Ingalls** enjoyed lunch together at the annual Alumni Leadership Conference. Hundreds of volunteers gathered at Bread Loaf for two intensive days to learn about the forthcoming Bicentennial Campaign in observance of the College's 200th birthday on November 1, 2000. ■ Westie reported that their summer "hotel" on the shores of Lake Dunmore was in full swing again this year, with children and grandchildren followed by many friends as the colorful fall foliage appeared. Her new hip is progressing well. Students attending the Bread Loaf conference were fascinated by Westie's account of how undergraduates, especially the women, in the '30s and '40s gave themselves nicknames by adding a "y" or "ie" to their given names, e.g. Packy, Buttsie, Westie, Summy, etc. The current undergraduates decided to encourage their classmates to do likewise, thus re-

viving the practice to establish a new tradition. What goes around comes around; déja vu all over again. ■ We have been informed by a newspaper clipping of the death of **Richard Stolper**. Dick was with us as a classmate for a short while, withdrawing in the middle of his sophomore year in January 1939. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ Having caught up on the news of each other at our recent reunion, there naturally follows a paucity of material for this inspired vehicle of friendly communication. However, unless you want us to make up stuff, you have to keep in touch. Write, call, fax, whatever, so the world knows we're alive, PLEASE!

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REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bates (Nancy Rindfusz), 341 Long Reach Dr., Salem, SC 29676.*

Bob Bredenberg reports a busy summer. In June they drove to Minneapolis to attend the 50th wedding anniversary of Arlene's brother and his wife. Later they took trips to Burlington, VT, and Oneida, NY, in their motorhome, as well as doing some biking and hiking in between. They attended the October 5 football game between Amherst and Midd. On October 25, they were leaving for the West in their motorhome to spend the winter in AZ, with stops to visit family and friends along the way. ■ **Helen Hooley Young** missed Alumni Leadership Conference in September meeting at Bread Loaf, due to a bad case of shingles. She is now at her winter retreat in Venice, FL. ■ **Dottie Milligan Schuck** made her annual month visit to Santa Fe. ■ **Joan Calley Cooper** planned a trip to Albuquerque in the fall to visit **Sue Hulings Ottinger** and Chaco Canyon. ■ **Bill** and **Meg Buscher Andrews** took a six-week tour of the West, visiting CA, NV, and AZ, with a few days in NM. They rented a car in San Francisco and headed south, with a detour to Yosemite. They had driven as far as San Simeon with many stops when we received their letter. They enclosed a clipping that a high school golf coach had surpassed Don Bates' ('49) record as the all-time winningest high school golf coach. ■ We are sorry to report that **Alice Voorhees Adams** lost her only daughter this year to Lou Gehrig's disease. ■ **Chuck** and **Dodie Watson Kitchell** took a trip west with Chuck's brother. When we chatted, Chuck told me his mother—Alma Kitchell, of early radio fame—is now 103. Also, he has been recruited to write an appropriate play for their church's 200th anniversary. This experience brought back childhood memories of church school and prompted him to write a modern medieval play about seven proverbs, each accompanied by an old hymn from the position of faith over fear. Difficult, but stimulating, work. They had dinner recently with **Cherry Dionne Files**, who still works several days a week at the company she and Dick founded. ■ As of late October, we were still in limbo—everyone loves our house, but no one is buying it. We will keep you up to date on our change of address, as you will be hearing from us from time to time to inspire you to return once more to your alma mater. We were honored to be invited to a reception and dinner at Le Château for Betsy Heath Gleason '58 on her retirement. Her family is as much fun as she is. Will you ever forget Betsy doing the Highland fling to entertain us when we were waiting for our reunion picture to be taken! The new Betsy Gleason is two people: Mona Meyers Wheatley '56 and Glenna Emilo. You will meet them at reunion.

Will you ever forget Betsy Heath Gleason '58 doing the Highland fling to entertain us when we were waiting for our reunion picture to be taken!

Nancy Rindfusz Bates

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. J.G. Krieble (Amanda Sanborne), 3646 Tolland Rd., Shaker Heights, OH 44122; and Dr. John S. Gale, 24 Beach Rd., Gloucester, MA 01930.*

In Kitty Hawk, NC, **Fred Booth** said Hurricane Bertha didn't make much of a show on the NC coast—not as bad as the nor'easters often are on the Outer Banks. He had a triple coronary bypass operation at Norfolk General Hospital in March 1995 and has been doing very well indeed, working out every day and feeling great. He and Faith had a wonderful trip to HI in March 1996. Next time he says he'll look up **Pat Rogers Prukop**. ■ **Keith Cranker** finished a year as president of the Greater Reading (MA) chapter of AARP, but is staying on as a director. He recently went to a jazz festival in Montreal with his son, and has become a computer expert with e-mail, Internet, and what-have-you. Says he's slowed down at times by angina, which manifested itself shortly after the 50th, and by intermittent bronchitis, but plans to be at the 55th. ■ Elizabeth and **Donald Gale** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Washington, DC, in fall '95. They wintered in Winterhaven, FL, where their son, who sings in a *Messiah* group, invited Don to sing with them. This he did, with much pleasure. Back in TN, he was busy as secretary of County Assessor Equalization Board. ■ **Nancy Cowgill Zimmerman** recently attended a Cowgill reunion in Denver. She has moved to the Pine Run Community in Doyleston, PA, near two of her children. Spending $2^1/_2$ months with her daughter in HI last year, she was hoping for a repeat in '96. ■ We regret to report the death of **Edward Shea** on September 1, 1996. Condolences go to his wife Constance Trottier Shea '40, son Thomas E. Shea '73, daughter Linda Shea Flanders '74, and brother Richard Shea '50. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. The unwelcome news of Ed's passing brings back memories of this quiet, unassuming possessor of superb athletic abilities, in whatever sport he was engaged. I (**John Gale**) can still visualize him on the baseball field, making an almost impossible diving catch after a long run, then rolling easily to regain his feet and continue the play. Just "run of the mill" for Ed but, for observers, a baseball ballet that was a pleasure to watch. ■ **Norton** and Eunice Bory '41 **Decker** expected to spend a few months in FL this winter. They live in Newton, NC, a few miles south of I-40 near Hickory, with plans for a spring move to a new retirement home under construction in Newton. ■ In Anchorage, AK, **Lew Haines** had just come in from cross-country skiing when we spoke. They already had two feet of snow in October! Said all the ski resorts were open, earliest ever. Lew plays tennis twice a week, recently hiked 18 miles one day with his sons, and sailed last fall in Chesapeake Bay on a friend's 37-foot boat. With a total of 17 grandchildren, he says he has set a limit of 20, figuring he can't deal with any more than that. Had no plans to flee AK for warmer climes, but plans to return for the 55th Reunion. Wife Verna remains well. ■ Called **Bill Hawkes** to pass on Lew's greetings, and learned that he had a hip joint replacement in February '96. It was the same joint previously fractured in his biking mishap. Fighting back, was biking during the summer, and planned to be in the bicycle race up Mt. Washington next summer. Now winding up his real estate ventures, he expects to turn them over to a management company soon. Reports wife Jean and children are all fine. ■ **Al** and **Elaine Herron Hadley** were on their way to Hilton Head for the winter when we called them in ME in October. ■ In McLean, VA, chronic health problems have slowed **John Kalajian** down a bit as regards physical activity, but not the least bit mentally. He reads a great deal, listens to music, and gets together weekly with a group of fellow retirees from U.S. Foreign Broadcast Information Service. Wife Mary, whom he describes as his "caretaker," remains well. Son Peter, of Saco, ME, works with the Sea Education Association in Woods Hole, MA. ■ From Wilmington, DE, **Page Ufford** reports that wife Doris's wheelchair limits their activities somewhat, but they enjoy summers on Lake Champlain (Willsboro Point, NY) across from Burlington. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October with a week's trip to Williamsburg, VA, with their two sons' families. One son is with Polaroid in Cambridge, MA; the other is an entrepreneur in northern VA. Page is no longer working with the Blood Bank, but he enjoys lunch once a week with other DuPont retirees from the Wilmington area. ■ **Al** and **Lonny Herron Hadley** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a cruise along the coast of Newfoundland last summer. They winter at Hilton Head, SC. ■ **Skip Wilkin Dimond** and **Loie Groben Gilmore** followed the fall foliage to the Northeast Kingdom of VT in September for a brief visit with Jim and **Mandy Sanborne Krieble**, and boosted the VT economy with purchases from native craftsmen. They reported that **Chick Johnson Doe** is feeling fine again and teaching part time. ■ When this shows up in print, we shall be only one year away from our 55th Reunion in 1998. Bring your best party ideas to our gathering in Gifford, where there is all sorts of access—including an elevator. Happy New Year!

1944

Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Neil Atkins (Marylu Graham), 12 Carter Rd., New London, NH 03257.*

George S. (Pete) and Barbara Busing '46 **Harris** replied to a recent *Middlebury Magazine* insert card via e-mail, where their address is bbharris@interloc.com. Pete writes that they "were back for my 50th Reunion two years ago and for Barbara's this past June. We have both been active on committees for our class yearbooks and also

were involved in singing in the choir at both—a lot of fun! We are happily retired here in Gilford, NH, and have just seen a third generation of Harrises off to Midd—e.g. Megan, daughter of son Peter Harris '74, who is a physician in Newport, VT. Megan will graduate in the year 2000! We do our best to keep the Middlebury tradition on track." The Harrises' VERY Middlebury family includes three daughters and a son, as well as granddaughter Megan and assorted in-laws and cousins. ■ Congratulations to Ed and **Jeanne (Chat) Chatfield Addison**, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October. And our thanks to **Ruth (Ricky) Wheaton Evans** for cluing us in about their anniversary. ■ **Nancy Read** tells us that she recently moved to Bridgewater, NJ, to continue her "quasi-family experience." (See our 50th Reunion yearbook.) In the fall, she enjoyed a great cruise to Norway. ■ **Neil** and **Marylu Graham Atkins** are happy to announce that daughter Betsy has married for a second time. Fortunately for us, new husband Bill works in our area so no move is anticipated. We attended the Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf in September, which always leaves us with renewed enthusiasm for Middlebury and what it has meant to all of us. Where is everybody? We want to hear from you. The new insert card in the *Middlebury Magazine* is another way to keep us informed.

1945

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert W. Allen (Marian Bailey), 2175 S. Ocean Blvd., #206, Delray Beach, FL 33483; and Mr. Peter Q. McKee, 26 Turtleback Road, P.O. Box 197, Sunapee, NH 03782.*

Richard P. Merrill was the featured speaker on the evolution of American women poets at the September meeting of the Greater Haverhill Poets in Haverhill, MA. He retired from teaching Spanish and French at Haverhill High School in 1989.

1946

Class Secretaries: *Mary Elizabeth Cummings Nordstrom (Mrs. Everett R.), 10 Inverness Rd., P.O. Box 4225, Pinehurst, NC 28374; and Joan Campbell Shaw (Mrs. Douglas P.), Cottage St., RR 2, Box 3412, Manchester Center, VT 05255.*

Soon after our 50th Reunion, **Avery** and Peg Rowland '45 **Post** were treated to a 50th wedding anniversary celebration at the Deerfield Inn in Old Deerfield, MA, hosted by their four daughters and their spouses. Soon thereafter they traveled with two other couples from Norwich, VT, to Norwich, England, for a four-day celebration to mark the 900th anniversary of a Norman medieval cathedral. Peg and Avery also spent time walking in the Lake Country and enjoying many of the delights of London and Cambridge. But that's not all! The Posts later toured the Canadian Rockies, Banff, Jasper, and Lake Louise. They had a truly eventful 1996. ■ **Mary Albertson Thom** (Marby) enjoyed reading about the 50th. She and Bill are very happy in their home at Foxdale Village, where the proximity of Penn State Univ. is a plus. She encourages those who are considering a move to retirement living to do it *now*, while the opportunities to make friends and establish activities are numerous. She advises that they scarcely miss lawn raking or shoveling snow. ■ **Allie Lou Bull**, who was reported in our fall column to be progressing steadily from a triple bypass operation, had a setback in October. She sounded her old self on the phone, but told us she moves slowly and has shortness of breath. She works out on a treadmill to build up strength and hopes to be back to normal by spring. We wish her well! ■ I (**Cam**) have relaxed following the successful marriage of our youngest child on a perfect fall afternoon (September 21), under the apple tree, with scarcely a cloud in the sky. Betsy was beautiful, the groom (Ian Mackenzie) wore his kilt, and the visiting Brits enjoyed VT—especially a jolly round of golf in Middlebury. ■ **Marilyn "Breezie" Arey McGeehan** spent two September weeks in AK with a friend from Niagara Falls, Canada. "It was a trip not for the fainthearted! We traveled by large luxury liner, small boat, train, bus, helicopter (to the glacier), fixed wing plane (over the glaciers), and went white water rafting in Denali State Park. The only transportation we didn't use was dog sled! We panned gold in Whitehorse (Yukon territory), saw the Northern Lights in Skagway (Yukon), and gambled and went to a cancan show in Dawson City (Yukon). When our bus broke down between Eagle and Chicken (pop. 29—no running water!) on top of a mountain, a bush pilot from Chicken landed on the dirt road with sandwiches and sodas for supper! Skagway, Dawson City, and Whitehorse all had dirt roads and wooden boardwalks and nary a traffic light. When we arrived in Fairbanks it seemed like New York City. We spent two days in Vancouver before the trip and took a ferry to Victoria for "high tea" at the old Empress hotel. Saw eight orca whales frolicking on the way back. We ended our trip with a day and a half in Seattle. I hear the Canadian Rockies calling for next year!" ■ Also in September, **Chris Becker Hutchinson** traveled with daughter Joanna to Hamburg, Frankfurt, Berlin, Wittenberg, Meissen, Dresden, and Prague. They shared many memorable experiences, seeing old places and friends of years gone by. They even enjoyed a Princeton '46 reunion cruise with 30 of Dave's classmates and wives. Chris should write a travel book! ■ **Jeanne Picard Johnson** spent four or five months prior to the November 1996 election using her well-honed political science skills in the preparation of the NC League of Women Voters' guide to elections. ■ Jane Alice Miller Brouwers '49 phones neighbor **Mary Elizabeth Cummings Nordstrom** monthly concerning reservations for the ladies special event luncheons at the Pinehurst Members Club, where both are known by their double given names. Jane Alice's children recently lost their father, J. Edmund Sullivan, Jr., '49. Condolences from our class to his friends and family. ■ Neal and **Cindy Darby Westmoreland** recently celebrated his 50th high school reunion in Charlotte, NC. Their kids came from Germany for a family reunion in Boone. Another family reunion in FL gave them a chance to visit **Ross** and **Vava Stafford Brown** at their new onshore home near Palm Coast. Cindy's new mailing address (same residence) identifies them for 911 calls: 527 Leisure Acres Lane, Boone, NC 28607. ■ **Elaine Gavagan Eichorn** has mastered "the gift to be simple" as she has learned to live sensibly close to home. She enjoyed receiving letters about reunion, as she was not able to attend due to an irregular heartbeat. ■ An irregular heartbeat also kept Robert and **Lou McKusick Clark** away from reunion. Lou was soon back in shape for tennis doubles three times weekly. The Clarks summered at their place at Sebec Lake, ME, and enjoyed a reunion with their daughter's family from Spokane. The rest of the family were having a Thanksgiving reunion at Isle of Palms, of Charleston, SC. ■ Your secretaries had to do a bit of telephoning to gather news this time. Please detach and return the personal info card to *Middlebury Magazine*, or drop a postcard to Cam or Mary Elizabeth at the above addresses. We really want to keep in touch and have news from each you in this column during our term as secretaries.

When our bus broke down between Eagle and Chicken (pop. 29—no running water!) on top of a mountain, a bush pilot from Chicken landed on the dirt road with sandwiches and sodas for supper!

Marilyn "Breezie" Arey McGeehan

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1947

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert E. Fry (Betsy Hornaday), Rt.2 Box 379X, Greentown, PA 18426; and Mrs. Benjamin W. Heath (Joyce Walsh) (jheath@sover.net), 13 Marble St., Brandon, VT 05733.*

FYI: Reunion 1997 is just ahead! We urge you to reserve the dates and make your plans, those of you who haven't done it yet. We've had good suggestions and fun ideas from several of you regarding attire, music, gifts, and souvenirs, and we welcome more. From **Jackie Simon Moore** came a wonderful cookie recipe from our days at Midd which the kitchen (which makes gourmet muffins) will bake and serve to us. **Jean Gunther**'s needlework will astound everyone, including the men and Mr. McCardell. **Joyce Walsh Heath** has a surprise for each person, which will be hard to believe, and **Lynn Bruhn**'s contribution is a prize winner. **Penny Adkins Louth** is one of several seamstresses whose work on the neckwear is outstanding. **Nat Simpson MacDonald** has tapes for us of all the music from the '40s for the ubiquitous background surround sound. We will all be given rooms (many of which are singles) in Forest, but you may make a reservation off campus if you wish. Incidentally, the dorm quiets down very early; 70-year-olds fade after 9:30. The College shuttles us to and from the airport in Burlington for free, so no need to rent a car. Accommodations are made for any handicaps (and there were several in '46). A 12-step lounge is open for refreshments and relaxation. In addition to eating (Ben and Jerry's ice cream, of course) and socializing, we will be able to enjoy continuing education, outdoor activities, and wonderful music programs in the spectacular new Center for the Arts. We are there for four days as guests of the College. ■ Several members of our class have made very generous pledges to the 50th Reunion

gift. By using planned giving opportunities, they are benefiting themselves, our class, and Middlebury. And each gift, large or small, will be credited to the Bicentennial Fund as well. The Class of '46 gave $1,118,487.77, from 146 class members, for a participation was 97.4 percent. I hope our class can make a respectable contribution and that everyone can participate. If you can increase your contribution or pledge, please do. There are 137 members in our class. ■ News items have come from several of you. **Bobbie Bates Lauterwasser** reports that George '43 and **Bev Beach Grant** spent two weeks in the cottage next to them on Lake Kanasatka in NH. ■ **Jinny Stowell James** (who has a spectacular creation for us!) was in ME visiting **Alice Delorenzo Stansbury**, and Alice visited her in CT in the fall. Jinny was also pleased to find **Rosemary Roddy Brainard** in Melbourne, FL, near where Jinny's daughter lives. Our directory of second home addresses will be helpful. ■ **Peggy Armstrong Igleheart** and her husband made a trip to China and visited their son in Hong Kong, before the government transition. ■ You've been enjoying the anniversary edition of our yearbook. Everyone who ever returns for a reunion says they have enjoyed time spent with classmates who were not close friends in college. We hope to have a list to you of our classmates who will be at our 50th this spring. Saturday morning's parade up the hill (and some of us have vowed we will walk it!) with our very own Gamaliel Painter Canes, and Convocation in the Chapel will be high points of the reunion. Sunday chapel (with a woman chaplain and Emory Fanning's last choir—us) and brunch under a tent as guests of the McCardells at their home will cap this special occasion. PLAN TO COME! And remember: When the 50th is over, it will be too late to wish you were there.

1948

Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kellogg (Marya Steele), 7 Murdock Ct., Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Lionel Slater has "returned to the world of work—part time! Assignments to the Examination Unit, New York State Unified Court System, include procedures for court assistant, Spanish/English legal interpreters, and court officers (90,000 applications throughout the state, 1996)." In November 1995, he traveled to San Diego, Los Angeles, and Las Vegas with daughters Sarra and Samantha. ■ After running the Tern Inn in West Harwich for 11 years, **Jane Saurman Myers** and husband Bill have "retired" to many other activities. Jane has become a Master Gardener and answers the hotline and gives gardening demonstrations at the Barnstable Fair. She has been a volunteer at the Red Cross Blood Bank for 25 years, does computer work for the Pilgrim Congregational Church, and volunteers for the Harwich Junior Theatre. She's also active in the Garden Club of Harwich, the Harwich Ecumenical Council for the Homeless, and Questers (an antiques and preservation group). Jane admits to being the secretary for just about every organization to which she belongs: "I guess I like record keeping." Jane worked as a medical secretary "for years and years to get our [five] children through college." She and Bill have traveled far and wide, visiting Scotland last year and April in Paris in '96. ■ **Sandy Rosenberg** presented a paper on lunar oxygen production at the Second International Lunar Workshop in Kyoto, Japan, in October. ■ **Corry Wescott Minthorn** recently became an associate member of the College of Chaplains. She still enjoys her work as staff chaplain at Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, NJ. ■ **Christ Christ** (cchrist@worldnet.att.net) has moved to 2801 Meadow Ct., Suite 104, Naples, FL 34109.

1949

Class Secretaries: *Patricia Allen Guthrie, P.O. Box 1804, Wolfeboro, NH 03894; and the Rev. Harold Richardson, 39 Spinners Run, South Windsor, CT 06074.*

Virginia Dunn Beach reports that they recently held a memorial service for her mother in Concord, NH. Her mother died at the age of 104. Roger '48 and Virginia have five daughters scattered all over—and 19 grandchildren. Virginia was looking forward to a trip to MI to visit #19, born in June. Virginia does some tutoring with underprivileged kids in Chester, PA. Roger—who was the other half of my (Hal's) Hebrew class at Midd—does some translating from the Hebrew in the Old Testament. ■ **Dick Johnson**, retired in Byfield, MA, says he and Pinck (Edith Williams) '48 have a handful of grandchildren, and they're "busier than they can keep up with." Pinck is the farmer in their family and raises what Dick cooks. They went to Africa last summer to work in a clinic, getting a first-hand view of life in Kenya. They are involved in this work because they're part of a Sister City group. ■ **Ben Bond** writes from HI that he and Mary-Mae escaped the summer heat at Kula by the Laleakala Crater on Maui. The crater rises to an altitude of more than 10,000 feet! ■ **Ruth Davis Kaufman** spent the past three summers "just over the mountain from Middlebury, in Rochester, VT. I've re-explored town and college. In '96, I happily found, at East Middlebury Antiques Center, an Arthur K.D. Healy watercolor and am now its proud owner, remembering the pure pleasure of his classes, which really did open a new world to me." ■ The Hon. **Norman E. Joslin**, immediate past president of the Supreme Court Justices Assn. of NY, participated in the Harold Medina Judicial Seminar at Princeton in June. During July and August 1995, he participated in a Cambridge/London National Judicial Conference Seminar and took in a Cornell Law Lecture at the Sorbonne in Paris. ■ We were sorry to learn of the death of **Raymond Hartshorn** at his home in Lancaster, NH, on August 19, 1996. A memorial appeared in the fall issue. ■ We also regret to report the death of **James Edmund Sullivan, Jr.**, on September 10, 1996. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

1950

Class Secretaries: *Ms. Barbara J. Parker (parkerbj@aol.com), 13 Burnham Place, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410 (fax 201/475-1545); and Mrs. Barbara Kraft Packer, 48 Sunset Dr., Summit, NJ 07901.*

Barbara Kraft Packer reports that Alumni College was a real high for the 1950 grads who attended last fall. One exciting event, she says, was President McCardell's update on the projected growth of the student body in the next decade and the building of Bicentennial Hall, to be completed and dedicated in 2000—our 50th Reunion year. **Bob Jackson** took the computer Internet course (**Barbara Parker** asks: Does everything on the Internet end in a remote and unpaved cul-de-sac? Is there really a paved information highway out there?) **Cyrus Whitney** chose "Miscellany" as his topic, while his wife Eileen studied the election. Cy says, "There is something magic about Alumni College that is difficult to put into words." Parker will try: "I enjoyed this heady return to academia a number of years ago. I studied drama, actually got to be Bernard Shaw's Joan of Arc on stage for two minutes and managed to sneak into Pardon Tillinghast's history course. I was one of the unfortunates who never had a chance to take one of his courses while I was at Midd. I think the magic is that Alumni College transports us into exciting realms that we've either forgotten or never visited. Maybe I can make it back next fall for an intellectual booster shot." ■ Sad news often mixes with the glad: **Bob Jackson** lost his wife of 17 years to cancer after the Dutchess County Legislature named the couple Senior Citizens of the Year in 1995. We send our deepest sympathies to you, Bob. ■ Those of you who share with **Barbara Parker, Bob Roemer**, and others some misgivings about the puzzling architectural variety of certain new buildings on campus—especially the very mixed-media Arts Center—will be relieved to know that **Dave Wallace**'s Boston firm, Wallace Floyd Associates, has drawn up guidelines for the future development of the campus and that Dave is now Midd's designated executive architect. ■ **Bud Mulroy**'s children and grandchildren are all in the Chicago area. His middle daughter and her husband plan to sail around the world in their 45-foot ketch, but is he going to crew? No way. He's too busy stirring up the folks at Cleveland's City Club by planning debates on such topics as same-sex marriages and other civil rights issues. Right on, Bud! Our class was never known for being shy about its opinions. ■ **Peg Teachout Meyer** finds her intellectual escape from conservative Grant's Pass, OR, by being active in the AAUW. She's also a member of a women's investment group. She recently took her grandchildren on an Elderhostel rafting trip on the Colorado River. ■ **Carol Carlton Hentz**'s schedule in Middlebury includes plays, concerts, and other cultural events. She plays tennis twice a week with Tom and **Ginny Harder Moser**, swims frequently in the natatorium (Middlebury's fancy new swimming pool), meditates with a group, and travels. She visited Sorrento in the spring, Turkey in the fall. She and two friends also split a time share in Cabo San Luca at the tip of Mexico's Baja peninsula. ■ Our congratulations to **Andrew Namm**, who received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from NYC Technical College at its 50th anniversary commencement exercises. He was elected the first chairman of that institution's foundation in 1980, and served for eight years. The foundation raises funds to assist the college's students, many of whom represent inner-city minorities. He continues to serve as director and member of the foundation's executive committee. ■ Congratulations also to sophomore Carmen Pina '99, who again won the **T. William Hentz** Class of 1950 scholarship. Carmen, who emigrated to the U.S. with her family from Portugal, lives in Pawtucket, RI. It's also the second year she's been on the dean's list. A Spanish major, she's juggling seven courses, has a campus job as helper to a blind Midd student, babysits, and volunteers in a church nursery on Sundays. ■ Last spring, Barbara Parker received a letter from a young Middlebury homemaker who studies Middleburiana asking what it was like to go to Midd in the 1940s. If some of you would like to respond, please contact us and we'll send her name and address. ■ We'll end with an excerpt from **Bernard Friedlander** (prof. of psychology, Univ. of Hartford): "In modern America ... constant marketing of merchandise and entertainment promotes alternative lessons that undermine us at every hand ... [and] engulf our children and their families in vibrant, vivid, urgent appeals to loveless sexual seduction, senseless antagonism and aggression, mindless violence and an infinite universe of triviality—cemented together by astute appeals to our greed, our covetousness and our

hypermaterialism. Our children's hearts and minds are the crash zone where these adversaries meet. What are the children to believe—about themselves, and about their world? What is true? Where is power? This is an epic struggle, carried out in the bland settings of ordinary, everyday life. Yet the stakes are enormous. The fate of our society may hang in the balance ... and positive outcomes are by no means certain.... What further insights ... must we gain to tip the balance in favor of faith, hope and love?" (from *Crash Zone: Our Children's Hearts and Minds*, Univ. of Hartford, 1995).

1951

Class Secretaries: *Meg Curry Gregg (Mrs. Donald P.), 21 Mead Rd., Armonk, NY 10504; and James D. Ross, RD 2, Box 540, Middlebury, VT 05753.*

We were all saddened to learn of the passing of Marty Belden Jackson '52, the wife of our classmate **Willard Jackson**. Only weeks ago, those of us back for our 45th were fortunate enough to spend fond moments with Will and Marty. Our love goes out to Will and his family. ■ After graduate studies at Wellesley and teaching in CA for three years, **Joan Pratt** returned to her *alma mater*, the Punahou School in Honolulu, to teach for 30 years. Now she has time to volunteer at the Bishop Museum and to travel to Tahiti for several two-week "digs" in Huahine. She's an ardent Elderhostel participant, with trips to France and northern Scotland so far. ■ A 36-year resident of San Francisco, **Jo Overlock Hoffmire** retired three years ago from elementary teaching and administration, but she still serves as a consultant to new teachers. She and Phil '49, who met in the Middlebury choir, are still singing together in a touring choral group. **Lee Webster McArthur** was a welcome visitor last fall. The Hoffmires are planning a trip to Ireland this year. They have five granddaughters and one grandson, all in the Bay area. ■ **Jane Ayer Leavitt**, in CA since 1957, is in her 10th year of teaching English as a second language at Santa Barbara City College. She is active in international folk and contra dancing groups. Jane gets back to New England to visit a married daughter with two sons in VT. Another daughter, who has a daughter (12), is in law school; and Jane's son is a chef in Lake Oswego, OR. ■ **Barbara "Penny" Penn Buchanan** has a real estate brokerage company in Fargo, ND, where she is also chairman of the board of the Community First National Bank. She has been there 22 years and has acquired 13 grandchildren, She hopes **Sandy Crawford Cooke** will join her from HI for a return to Middlebury for our 50th! ■ In Wellesley, MA, **Ann Mudge Bleicken** is in her 10th year at the American Cancer Center in the Metro West office, as coordinator for Patient and Family Services. Married son David is finishing law school in Philadelphia. His twin brother, Neil, is in investment banking in Richmond, VA. ■ **Gail Haskins Bogie**, another Midd choir member, recently sang at her lawyer son's wedding; another son is in the marina business; her daughter works for Marriott food services. Gail has two grandsons. She and Bob have been in New Milford, CT, since 1956. ■ A prize should go to **Mary-Lou Wiley Bond** for filling out the most change of address cards. She and Hartley are making their 26th move, this time to the Williamsburg, VA, area, where they look forward to a semi-retired and slower pace. ■ **Joseph Borst** writes of "the passing of my dear friend and fraternity brother **Harold LeClair**. I have never known anyone who had more zest for living than Hal. Hal was also the one who introduced me to his cousin, Barbara Caron, who subsequently became my bride and helpmate for the last 42 years." Hal died on August 7 and a memorial appeared in the fall issue. Joe "tried retirement but couldn't stand an unstructured existence. I am still actively involved in local politics, serving as a member of the Newtown, CT, Legislative Council and chairing the education subcommittee. I also serve as VP of Newtown Housing for the Elderly, a nonprofit corporation which operates a 120-apartment complex for low income elderly. In order to keep myself off the streets and out of the bars, I also drive a van for the handicapped children of the Brookfield, CT, school system. My wife is completing 22 years as a teacher's aide in Newtown and is serving as president of the aides' union." The Borsts' involvement with the Newtown High School Band parents' group has taken them to Europe three times on concert tours, to the Pasadena Tournament of Roses parade in 1994, and to the St. Patrick's Day parade in NY for years—including 1995 when Newtown was named grand champion. This December they were going to Orlando, FL, where the band was participating in the Citrus Bowl Parade and performing at Disney World. The Borsts have five married children are nine grandchildren. As Joe puts it: "Life has been good to me and my family. What more can we ask for?" ■ **Paul Cochrane** is a member of the Health Alliance board of trustees responsible for Burbank and Leominster hospitals in MA. Paul joined the Burbank staff in 1958 and recently stepped down from his post as chair of Burbank's dept. of family practice. He's also a trustee at Fitchburg State College and an assistant prof. of community and family medicine at the Univ. of MA Medical School in Worcester. ■ **Don Glen-Reiland** reports that he is "old, but sprightly. World War II added three years. I'm considering suing. Four bright grandchildren, candidates maybe for Midd in six years or so. Tennis, swim, ski, jog (lightly), and starting a new career in political cartooning. Tap lessons. Writing. Very active." ■ **Don Axinn** has been promoted to board chairman of the Nature Conservancy's Long Island chapter. As chair of Donald E. Axinn Companies, an office-building and industrial park development company, Don creates suburban office buildings while enhancing the land upon which they are placed, bringing his companies over a dozen awards for design and community improvement. The Nature Conservancy is working now to raise money for priority land protection projects in the Peconic Bioreserve of Long Island. "Whatever we don't preserve now will never again be possible," notes Don. ■ Daniel Drake, a senior from Phoenix, AZ, is again the recipient of the Class of 1951 Scholarship. A political science major, Daniel spent last spring semester at the Middlebury program in Paris. He writes for *The Campus* newspaper and is a member of Omega Alpha social house, the Big Brother program, and the French Club.

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1951

Homecoming 1995 was the last time these four 1955 classmates got together for their traditional mini-reunion—George Limbach, John Field, "Moe" Weld, and "Sonny" Dennis. Sonny (Alfred D.) Dennis died in November 1995, and Moe (Kent) Weld passed away in March 1996.

1952

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Ruth Eldridge Race (Mrs. Peter K.), P.O. Box 103, Boxford, MA 01921; and Bill Barber, 19504 Gallatin Ct., Montgomery Village, MD 20879.*

We regret to report the death of Dr. **William L. Curran, Jr.**, in August. Our condolences go to his wife, Joan, and all of the family. ■ We are also sorry to report the death of **Martha Belden Jackson** on October 13 at Taproot, her home on Cider Mill Road in Cornwall, overlooking the College. Marty had an indomitable spirit, giving of her time in many ways to the College through the years, and living her life to the fullest. This includes her last few weeks, when she attended Alumni College at Bread Loaf and then traveled to New York and CA, as well as to the Cayman Islands to see her grandson. The sympathy of the class goes to Will '51 and their family members. Memorials for both Bill and Marty appear elsewhere in this issue. ■ In September, I (Ruth) was pleased to attend the Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf to get preparations under way for our 45th Reunion. By the time you read this column, I hope you will already have sent in your YES answer for the weekend! Also at the conference were **Barbara (Peanuts) Cummiskey Villet, Shirley Herrman Andrews, Carol**

Whitham Brewster, Chuck Ratté, and **Steve Baker**, all serving on the gifts committee. They are working hard to achieve a pace-setting class gift for our reunion and are looking for *your* support! ■ Barbara recently traveled to Ecuador to attend her nephew's wedding and combined that with visits to Indian markets, crater lakes, and cloud forests. Part of the trip was in an area above 15,000 feet, "where even trying to walk is difficult." ■ In June, Shirley and her husband hiked in the Taurus Mountains in Turkey and went to Cappadoccia in the central part of the country. There they visited the ancient underground cities carved out of volcanic rock. ■ Carol is continuing her work as a docent at the art museum at Bowdoin College, where she also frequently takes art courses. In June, she and her husband traveled to England, spending a few days in London, a week in the Cotswolds, finishing in Kent and East Anglia, viewing John Constable country. ■ Chuck is enjoying being away from the pace of the workplace, although finding the volunteer schedule a busy one. ■ Steve is continuing in the non-retired sector. ■ **John Bowker** and wife Linda have every intention of attending our 45th Reunion in May. They drove more than 17,000 miles in 1996, seeing sights of America and parts of Canada in their motorhome. They are finding their home of five years in Sun City Center, FL, a wonderful retirement location with a remarkable climate year round. Visitors are welcome.

1953

Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. David Clemens (Carol Jennings), P.O. Box 962, Hallstead, PA 18822 (CClemens@epix.net).*

Sue Taylor notes that it has been "three years already since the "World Class" 40th Reunion of our '53 World Prowlers! Every time one looks at it from a different perspective, time is flying by at breakneck speed." You can say that again, Sue! Last year Sue stretched her Thanksgiving weekend into a full week to take her first look at the canals of Amsterdam and to visit Jean Louis and **Jeanine Riviere Puydoyer**. Sue also visited **Charles** and **Pat Heap Rockwell** for the wedding of their daughter, Thia: "a beautiful fall day and a lovely occasion." ■ Congratulations to **Lucia Ann Thwaits** and Olof Dahlstrand, who were married on January 17, 1996. The Dahlstrands live part time in Cold Spring, CO, and part time in Carmel, CA. Lucia's first husband, Peter Church, died of cancer in January 1989. ■ For the fourth year in a row **Laura Chapman Rico** traveled to Anvik, AK, in August to help with vacation Bible school. During this same period her home in Los Banos, CA, endured 11 straight days of triple-digit temperatures—a wonderful time to escape to AK. ■ The College sent us a fascinating newspaper clipping about **Bill Hare**. Bill has twice run for national office, not aiming to win, but to influence the outcome of important elections. As a high school teacher in Poughkeepsie, NY, Bill had often told his students that anyone can run for office. A lifelong Republican, in 1990 he noticed that the Democrats had set up a local residence for an out-of-state candidate for the U.S. Congress. So, following his own teaching, Bill established a new party, the Liberty Party, and campaigned vigorously in the Democratic strongholds of his district. He was able to take about 3,000 votes from the spurious Democratic candidate in a close race, which the Republican candidate won by only 6,000 votes. Flushed with success, Bill switched back to his normal Republican registration in time to file in the NH vice-presidential primary for the 1992 election. His goal this time was to stop Dan Quayle from being selected by George Bush as his running mate. When the votes were counted, Hare received 5,000 votes to Quayle's 6,000. A third candidate received 21,000. "I think we made our point," he says, "but they chose to ignore us." Bill doesn't plan any more campaigns. An amateur painter, who has won a few exhibition awards, he enjoys travel, cruising the Internet, and sitting by his pool, contentedly reminiscing about his political forays. ■ **Ann Almquist Hartt** retired from the Stowe School last spring, having served under nine different principals and two superintendents. During her long career she also taught skiing, a few Russian classes, and coordinated student activities. Contemplating retirement, Ann has in mind some part-time work, as well as travel, gardening, and reading. ■ In the autumn class column we noted the publication of **Janet Nutt Lembke**'s recent book, *Shake Them 'Simmons Down*. Another book by Janet, *Dangerous Birds: A Naturalist's Aviary*, received a very favorable review from the American Birding Association's October "Winging It" newsletter. Janet was called "a classicist in red-neck country" and praised for her poetic and philosophical essays about her neighbors in the lower Neuse River tidewater estuary in NC. The review concludes, "Writing about the classical reverb of backyard birds and the cosmic resonance of the perfectly ordinary is, in some ways, the most challenging kind of nature writing; it is, in these pages, a challenge well met." Congratulations, Janet! ■ **Bill Brackett** reports his retirement as CEO of the World Neighbors Organization on December 31, 1996. He and wife **Ann (Austin)** are planning to move to Denver, CO, for their retirement. ■ **Ed Hickcox** recently retired as a professor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Univ. of Toronto, where he has been since 1967. Ed says that while one doesn't get rich in the academic life, it has many benefits, such as the pleasure of working with creative people, opportunities for travel, and the joy of supervising the research of talented students, some of whom have gone on to distinguished careers. His own children are grown, but he has a relatively new wife and a young stepson, so is reliving past experiences. He asserts that academics sort of ease into retirement: "You don't just stop all of a sudden, so there is still a lot of challenge ahead, students who need to finish their theses, projects unfinished, articles to write, and perhaps even a book." Ed adds, "It really is not much different, except the paycheck stops!"

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Joanne Kittell Corey
1955

1954

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert B. Nickerson (Nancy Whittemore) Masons Island, 4 Osprey Lane, Mystic, CT 06355; and Mr. M. Richard Davenport, P.O. Box 365, High Falls, NY 12440.*

Talked to **Susie Olsen Brown** the other day. She and Temp moved to Lyme, CT, about a year ago and they've been busy making changes to their new home. They have welcomed the opportunity to entertain **Susie Simmons Daily, Carol Scott Bender, Carol Lee Jensen Miller,** and their respective spouses. The Nickersons (jvgn83a@prodigy.com) added a new granddaughter, Ellen Enright, to the family in September. And, we are finally going back to England and Scotland, where we lived in the late '70s. Can't wait! Dick and I are looking for more news. Some things must be happening out there!

1955

Class Secretaries: *Katherine Hughes von Hartz, 111 E. Second St., New York, NY 10009 (212/982-7932); and Frank E. Punderson, Jr., 19 W. St., Rutland, VT 05701.*

Congratulations to newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. David Corey! (See photo on page 48, fall issue.) **Joanne Kittell** writes: "On June 22, 1996, **David Corey** and I were married and I am now a Vermonter again. I retired, relocated, and remarried, all in the same week. Our wedding was a "small family" wedding, which turned out to be an oxymoron, because with my four offspring, Dave's four, their spouses, children, and significant others, it turned out to be about 26 people. So you see, college reunions are not a waste of time or foolish walks back into the past!" Those of us who attended the 40th in 1995 and saw these two together were not surprised by this wonderful news. Their address is 14 Whetstone Dr., Brattleboro, VT 05301. **John Milnes Baker** reports that son Hayden is a junior at Midd and will be off to Nepal and Tibet in the spring. Son Ian '80 still lives in Kathmandu and daughter Jennifer '83 still runs Sojourn Nepal in this country. John and Liddy trekked with Ian in Nepal last fall. ■ **George Limbach** is happy to have two of his sons practicing with him as patent/trademark/copyright lawyers at Limbach & Limbach in San Francisco. ■ **John N. Field** has been named senior VP and senior trust officer by Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Co. John was formerly president and trust division head at Green Mountain Bank in Rutland, VT.

1956

Class Secretaries: *John Chase, 2000 Sage Canyon Rd., St. Helena, CA 94574; Joan MacKinnon Houghton, 422 Taylor Pl., Ithaca, NY 14850; and Lee Goodrich Tupman, 309 Cloverway Dr., Alexandria, VA 22314.*

VT dairy farms have declined from 3,063 to 1,976 in the last 10 years—and in the present economic climate, it's becoming more and more unusual for a family farm to be passed on to the next generation. But the Chalker Farm, circa 1831, on Route 17 in New Haven, VT, has proved to be an exception to the rule. John and **Myrdith Benedict McKinley** handed over the reins of their VT farm to daughter Cindy and her husband, Brian Kayhart, four years ago. A September issue of the *Burlington Free Press* featured their farm, with a charming photo of Cindy and Brian milking a cow, assisted by their three children, Corey (7), Kyle (5), and Kimmy (3). John and Myrdith bought

the 212-acre New Haven farm nine years after graduating from Middlebury High School. They ran a successful dairy farm for 31 years—with no hired hands for the first 15! ■ Since retiring as the chair of theatre at Cape Cod Community College, **George Tuttle** and wife Anne are "floating on the French waterways! We refinished a 1928 barge that is now our residence, named *Volharding Anna*. Our son, Will, and his lovely wife are now residing in 'the big house' as we sip wine and sample French cheese! Salut!" ■ **Vicky Grove Memminger** and **Lee Goodrich Tupman** continued their 40-year dialogue in October with three days of shopping, lunching, and nonstop talking at Lee's home in Alexandria, VA. Since both are still working, this was a welcome break—contemplating someday being "ladies who lunch." Lee and husband Bill had a great time visiting **Peter** and **Sandy Harden Greenman** this summer on Block Island, where the Greenmans have retired, after summering there for years. They're renovating an early farmhouse with broad fields, stone walls, and sweeping views of what has to be the most beautiful place on earth. Lee warns that unless classmates submit news items regularly, they'll hear about her new granddaughter at least quarterly! ■ Apologies to **Rollie** and **Beverly Watkins Schopp** for errors in a class news item in the fall magazine. As a volunteer, Bev manages snack bars at the Amtrak Station and at the Court House in Hudson, NY, to benefit a day care center for children. Rollie still puts in long days at his business. The Schopps have 16 grandchildren.

1957

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Alexandrine Post Koontz (XanieK@aol.com), 204 Tatoket Rd., Branford, CT 06405; and Mrs. Elizabeth O'Donnell Wallace, 201 Asbury St., South Hamilton, MA 01982.*

Time to mark those calendars for our upcoming 40th Reunion! Plan to be at Middlebury May 30-June 1, 1997!

1958

Class Secretaries: *Stephanie Eaton, 112 Pleasant St., Littleton, NH 03561; Joseph E. Mohbat (75610.3476@compuserve.com), 551 Pacific St., Brooklyn, NY 11217; and Ann Parnie Ormsbee, 1699 Candelero Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 04598.*

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Joseph Mohbat

1958

From grandma to bride in one month! How often do we get to report, as we approach codgerdom and our class notes get nearer and nearer to the beginning of the section, a new marriage? Not of one of our offspring, but one of *us*! And so it was that on a sparkling August day in St. James Episcopal Church in Danbury, CT, one Mary Daniels Nahley became **Mary Nahley Jones**, and one Rick Jones joined the noble ranks of '58 in-laws. From mind-numbing tragedy with the loss of Dick to a new life, from the birth in July of granddaughter Emily (to daughter Ann and Sean) to a wedding night at 58! How does one remember how to do a wedding night after all those years? Well, the soon-to-be Joneses took a pre-honeymoon trip to Egypt with **Betsy Heath Gleason** and Bob Gleason '54 (so Betsy could clue Mary in beneath the Sphinx). Meanwhile, Mary is hard at it as development director at the Wooster School, where she is the brains behind a $10-million capital campaign. Love and congratulations to our gutsy sister. ■ As for Betsy, this fall marked her official retirement from the College, where she had become the pal of many reunion classes—in recent years the 50th crowd. She was flabbergasted by a surprise testimonial at Le Château in late September, and more so by husband Bob's after-dinner ribaldry. Know what this means? At last we'll have Betsy's undivided company for our 40th. ■ **Joe Mohbat** attended the Alumni Leadership Conference in late September at beautiful (if rainy) Bread Loaf. Although the conference centered on the impending campaign to honor Middlebury's 200th birthday in 2000, class secretaries gathered with magazine editor Rachel Morton to discuss beefing up the class notes. (The two subjects are quite closely related, as you will see in coming months and years). The campus is essentially as you remember it, only more so—and computerized everywhere. We're anxious to get this column back to being the best in the book, so do contact us with your stuff. If you use e-mail, Mohbat gets it at 75610.3476@compuserve.com. ■ Joe also reconnected this year with long-lost (and snowy-haired) roommate **Bob MacGowan**, who's living in the heart of Manhattan and has progressed with technology from producing documentary films to producing videos. The two veterans of *Mister Roberts* are pairing up to produce a video on the not-for-profit Brooklyn Music School, on whose board Joe sits (wife Nancy is president). Mohbat is still practicing law and has launched an international marketing business. ■ **David A. Willis** writes: "We've put our stake in the ground for future retirement years by locating in the newest DelWebb community in Roseville, CA, outside Sacramento. Still working for Chevron, but looking forward to pursuit of several personal interests in the next year or two. New address: 124 Delta Breeze Ct., Roseville, CA 95747. ■ Tucel Industries, founded by **John Lewis** in 1970, is expanding and building a large warehouse behind its factory in Forest Dale, VT. This expansion comes as a result of Tucel's success in selling bonded fiber products throughout the world. John devised and patented the means of attaching bristles directly to a holder, instead of putting fibers into a pre-drilled hole and stapling them. His method solves the problem of unwashable crevices at the base of the bristles—imagine the advantages for your toothbrush! There are 38 full-time-equivalent positions at Tucel and clients include Rubbermaid, Hewlett-Packard, Hyde Tools, and Fisher-Price. ■ **Deborah Zipf** is the new coordinator at Westchester Coalition for Legal Abortion in Westchester County, NY. She was formerly the community relations coordinator at Westchester Conservatory of Music and, before that, she was first VP of the NY State PTA and editor of the state PTA magazine. ■ Captain **Bill Kelley**, owner of Kelley Marine Resources in Marblehead, MA, spent three weeks in Savannah, GA, last July at the helm of a $90-million vessel, a mine-hunter built for the U.S. Navy. His job was to train a crew of 52 and then sail 100 miles down the Savannah River to test the anchors and all the other equipment on board. ■ Start thinking of Reunion '98! It'll be our 40th, and the first 10 arrivals will receive Gamaliel Painter wheeled walkers. Meanwhile, write! Phone! Fax (718/855-2717)! E-mail!

1959

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Anthony Balabon (Kay Shook), 615 Wallace Drive, Wayne, PA 19087; and Dr. Byron H. Koh, 136 Lincoln Ave., Amherst, MA 01002.*

Belated congratulations to **Kathleen Bush** and Dennis Hardy, who were married in 1995. They live in Dorset in the United Kingdom, where she can be reached via e-mail at h.tours@wdi.co.uk. ■ **Marjory (Marnie) Sparre Burke** writes that she "spent the summer in the hospital saving left leg. Lost right one in '94—and things are okay now. Granddaughter Kate just turned three and lives close enough for me to see regularly." Marnie is the business administrator at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield, NJ, and is active in her church choirs. The Shaker Singers were performing in Southampton, LI, NY, on September 7. ■ **Carolyn Parks Behr** retired from the Williamstown regional school board in November '96, after four terms (13½ years). We congratulate Carolyn for being named to the All-Massachusetts School Committee, an honor recognizing her strong commitment to the education and welfare of children. Her son, Brad, is working on a Ph.D. in astronomy from Cal Tech; daughter Alison is teaching and doing admissions work at St. George's School in RI. ■ In August, **Pat Sherlock Davidson** flew to Hong Kong to visit her daughter, and to meet first grandson (second grandchild) Christopher. ■ **Ellie Bliss, Millicent Fairhurst, Granthia Lavery Preston**, and **Bob Luce** met on campus in September to make plans for a mini reunion on Homecoming weekend, October 1997. Any ideas? Suggestions? Time to start thinking about our next big reunion—our 40th!—in spring of 1999. Our class is most fortunate to have Ellie living in town. ■ Granthia is working in Gov. Howard Dean's office in the VT State House during the 1997 legislative session. For the past two years she was status clerk for the House of Representatives. When traveling in the area, stop by for a tour of the capitol building. Her husband, Fred, is doing environmental work. Son Brooks is doing forestry work with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture in Washington, DC. Daughter Lynelle '91, a graduate of the Univ. of MI School of Natural Resources and Environment, is in the Himalayas doing research for the Mountain Institute. Daughter Camille continues work on a Ph.D. in community psychology at UVA. Granthia and Fred highly recommend VT as a great place to live. ■ **Ron** and **JoAnn Witmer Anderson**'s daughter, Carol, was married in May. Son David completed his five-year residency for general surgery in June and began a one-year fellowship in laparoscopy in Miami. Ron is involved

with product development to establish a new snack food business, in addition to his lifelong area of endeavor, marketing. He is looking forward to a product launch in '97. Good luck, Ron! JoAnn is in her 18th year as a food broker/manufacturers' rep for various food ingredients. She works with food scientists in the development of new food products. ■ **Mary Lou Moore Pappas** was in charge of the wedding flowers for the Anderson wedding and did a fantastic job. She has turned a lifelong hobby into a wonderful and thriving business. Way to go, Mary Lou!

1960

Class Secretary: *Jean Seeler, 5076 Pinnacle Dr., Oldsmar, FL 34677; Rich Wilkinson, 992 Sherwood Forest Rd., Annapolis, MD 21401; and Jan Fisher Barstad, 2107 S. Ventura Dr., Tempe, AZ 85282.*

In Hanover, MA, **Judy Dickerman Blodgett** is the "winter secretary" for a summer camp in ME. Her vacation starts at the beginning of June, when the office moves to ME, and lasts until September. She says it's better than teaching school. Son Steve graduated with honors from Trinity College (CT) in '90, married in April '94, and lives about 35 minutes away. Daughter Jennifer, a '93 graduate of Allegheny College (PA), works in insurance and lives at home. Husband Bob, with the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, is talking more and more of retirement. ■ **Emily Adams**'s health has not been the greatest lately, due to post-polio syndrome. She had polio as a teenager. She had to give up working several years ago, but is now involved in doing genealogical research at home in North Hero, VT, with her two cats. ■ In Boothbay Harbor, ME, **Susan Long Brock** volunteered weekly last summer at a used book store run by volunteers in support of Boothbay Harbor Memorial Library. In August, Susan and Jim moved from Madison, NJ, their home of 17 years, to 125 Woodmere Ct., Williamsburg, VA 23185. Retired after 35 years as an actuary with Prudential, Jim has been busy with consulting projects. They are glad to be near the restored historic area and the College of William and Mary, but are also glad to be able to escape to their ME home during VA summers. Last March Susan had a great visit with college roommate **Sandra Feldman Williamson**. They hadn't seen each other in 30 years, but neither had changed a bit, according to Susan. Sandy was in NJ to pick up her daughter, a student at Princeton. ■ **Caroline Vinciguerra Cassels**, of Downington, PA, has seven grandchildren from her second husband's children. Enjoying a single life, Caroline has taken up golf and given up domestic pursuits. As president of the PA Government Finance Officers Assoc., she is active nationally on the management and budgeting committee. Her job as manager of finance for Chester County is challenging every day. She has also joined the board of trustees for the Crossroads School and is a member of its finance committee. (Whew! And some of us are thinking of retiring!) ■ **Dottie Cattelle** moved to Orrs Island, ME, in November '95, even though her house in VA didn't sell until spring '96. After surviving last winter's snow on the coast in a rented house, she bought property on a ridge overlooking a bay and designed her dream house, scheduled for completion in late 1996. To get to know the community, Dottie has been working part time in a local general store/deli. Her brothers live about two hours away and her sister is north of Boston, so Dottie sees them much more often. **Ginger Kinghorn Work** lives about an hour away, so they enjoy periodic get-togethers. Dottie enjoys musical events at Bowdoin College and plans to get back to playing the cello and singing in a church choir. ■ **Bruce** and **Genie Cannon Burnham** had a great summer in Atlanta. Atlanta was an early summer stop on the Grand Prix professional track circuit, then came the U.S. Olympic Team Trials in track and field, and finally the Olympics. **Breck** and **Sue Hibbert Lardner** visited for the trials. Genie was a volunteer for the opening and closing ceremonies of the Olympics. On July 4, Bruce ran his 20th Peachtree Road Race (10K). They finished the summer with a mini reunion at John Sinclair's ('62) farm in Springfield, VT, with the **Lawsons, Folgers, Southards, Steinles, Butlers, Vancinis, Barenborgs, Lardners, Ferrentinos**, and many others. A month later they attended a reunion of former Naval officers with whom Bruce served on an aircraft carrier in the early '60s. ■ During a recent stint in Latin America, **Lars Carlson** was headquartered in Costa Rica for $2^1/_2$ years, but traveled about half the time, covering operations from Guatemala to Argentina and Chile. Lars and Mary vacationed in Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands, and in Guatemala. Personal safety was a problem in virtually all of Latin America, although Chile and Argentina were more comfortable. Now living back in Acton, MN, Lars has been bumped up to chief administrative officer of H.B. Fuller Co. and Mary was appointed a district judge. Lars' brother is in his second term as Republican governor in a strongly Democratic state. Their daughter married a year ago and son Erik '93 is a lobbyist headed to Northwestern for his MBA. ■ **Aivars (Ike) Krasts** retired a year ago after 33 years with Conoco, Inc., the last 18 as VP. After trips to Tierra del Fuego and AK, and a tour of Sicily and southern Italy with wife Linda, they sold their house and are now in the process of designing a new one still in Houston, TX. ■ In September, **David H. Hopkins** D.M.D. celebrated his 30th anniversary in practice. A graduate of the Univ. of PA Dental School (1965), Dave spent one year with the International Grenfel Assoc. as a dentist for northern Labrador, where his patients were Eskimos, American Indians, and settlers on the coast. After that he became an associate at his present practice, which he bought in 1984 and renamed D.H. Hopkins and Associates. Wife **Susan Goodwin Hopkins** is the personnel director. ■ Last April, when Amy and **Mike Robinson** vacationed in Sedona, AZ, **Jan Fisher Barstad** drove up from Tempe to meet them halfway. They spent two days hiking and touring the Verde Canyon. Mike is co-chair of the Annual Fund executive council. Jan continues writing and freelances for *Arizona Highways*. ■ **Chuck (Charles D.) Taylor** has a new book out, *Summit* (from Pocket Star Books), another of his compelling novels of international intrigue and deception. As usual, you will find some familiar names among the protagonists. ■ Your class secretaries encourage you to keep those cards and letters coming.

1961

Class Secretary: *Steve Crampton, RR 1, Box 127 Tarbox Rd., Jericho, VT 05465.*

1962

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Leslie Dearborn Cronin, 16320 Batchellors Forest Rd., Olney, MD 20832; and James D. Shattuck, 59 Wesskum Wood Rd., Riverside, CT 06878.*

Howard Scheinblum, presiding criminal judge in New Britain, CT, since 1993, became supervising judge in Hartford's lower criminal court in late summer. The *Hartford Courant* profiles Howard's years on the bench as "a judge who cares deeply about helping people, particularly young defendants." The state's attorney said, "He talks to people in court, trying to figure out how they came to be charged with a crime. At times he can be very tough. Other times he is fairly lenient. He tries to reach a just decision that not only benefits society, but also tries to benefit the defendant." Howard says that sitting in judgment is difficult—especially when one sees people in pain, the misery their actions have caused, and the factors that led them to become criminals. He is especially gratified when he receives letters from defendants, thanking him for something he did. "That's the nicest thing that can happen to a judge.... Too many people, especially a lot of the young people, really have nobody who cares about them, nobody who's yelled at them, made demands or tried to guide them. When I yell at them—and everybody knows I do—it's because I care and am concerned for them. I hope it makes a difference." Howard and wife Judith had two sons, David and Jeffrey. David died at age 20 in 1988. Jeffrey (27) is pursuing a master's degree in sculpture.

1963

Class Secretaries: *Catherine Deutsch Sands, 5004 Ft. Sumner Dr., Bethesda, MD 20816; and Christopher J. White (crnbrycst@aol.com), P.O. Box 102, Cranberry Isles, ME 04625.*

Chris White reports: It has happened. I have retired from teaching. And while I look for something devious to do, I'd love to write about some of you. Can't do any of that unless I have fodder. How about sending some news of yourself or classmates? You give me/us the leads—we'll follow up. You can reach us at the addresses in the heading. I'm in Scottsville November to March 1, then at P.O. Box 102, Cranberry Isles, ME 04625. ■ Congratulations to **Bill Delahunt** who finally won one of the longest electoral cliff-hangers in MA political history! The state Supreme Judicial Court declared him the winner of the disputed 10th Congressional District primary on October 8. His opponent had been declared the winner of the original vote tally on September 17, but the court upheld a lower judge's finding that many ballots originally declared "blanks" by Weymouth officials were, in fact, votes for Bill, giving him a victory by 175 votes.

1964

Class Secretaries: *Barbara Bailey Hollister, 1347 Stony Brook La., Mountainside, NJ 07092 (bbh@research.att.com); and Robert J. Baskin, 805 A St. SE, Washington, DC 20003.*

News arrived from **Chuck Larsen** (larsen@inforamp.net) in late September: "Just returned from Middlebury Fall Family Weekend with my daughter Shannon '99, who is majoring in Russian and French, minoring in Internet, and taking teacher training on the side. I am really impressed with the caliber of people attending the College these days. My older daughter Meegan graduated from Dartmouth College and is now taking Dr. of Vet. Medicine at Guelph Univ. in Ontario. Next week I go to my 30th reunion at Harvard; the time does fly. Then I leave for a three-month sabbatical from work at the end of October. I will be sailing

A Middlebury photo opportunity arose at a recent family wedding, attended by Judy Fair Mowry Dickison '65 (center), and (from left) her cousin Cynthia Horn '88, son Jon Mowry '90, son Andrew Mowry '98, and brother-in-law George Mowry '68.

south from the BVI's for 7 1/2 weeks through the Leeward Islands and then spending Christmas and January in the Caymans, scuba diving. Back in time for some skiing before the summer hits again. See you at Reunion '99." ■ Congratulations to **Ginny Swain** (virginia.e.swain@dartmouth.edu), who writes: "I got married (for the first time, indeed) on December 16, 1995. My husband's name is Harry Beskind and he's an MD psychiatrist in private practice in Norwich, VT. **Debbie Wells Dye** from our class was my witness (or matron of honor, if you'd rather). Harry and I are living at my home in Hanover and I'm still teaching full time at Dartmouth, so there's no address or career change involved. (No name change, either. I've been attached to this one for too long to switch now!)" ■ **Perry O. Hanson** has been appointed to direct all aspects of computing at Williams College. Perry was most recently director of information systems and telecommunications at Wellesley College. ■ **Gregory K. Hunt** is now dean of the Catholic Univ. of America's School of Architecture and Planning. He had been a prof. in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies at VA Polytechnic Institute and State Univ. ■ Now a costume designer at Fox Trot Productions, **Joseph G. Aulisi** has designed for both the stage and motion pictures. Among his films are *Die Hard with a Vengeance, On Deadly Ground, Billy Bathgate, True Colors, Easy Money, The Buddy System, Three Days of the Condor, Little Darlings, Death Wish, The Pope of Greenwich Village*, and *Nobody's Fool*. His many stage credits include Neil Simon's *Rumors* and *Broadway Bound*, as well as *Jerome Robbins' Broadway*.

1965

Class Secretaries: *Polly Moore Walters (Mrs. Kenneth), 100 Grandview Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80521; and Frederick W. Stetson, 123 N. Union St., Burlington, VT 05401.*

After a decade as a correspondent, **Elizabeth Fink Farnsworth** became chief correspondent and principal substitute anchor for "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer" on PBS-TV. She served as freelance journalist and documentary producer from 1975 to 1991 and as foreign correspondent, 1991-96. You may have heard Liz anchoring the presidential debates on public radio. ■ **Robert W. Farnsworth** (farns1@ix.netcom.com) e-mails: "Finally have a refrigerator without magnetic plastic letters on it, as my youngest, Dylan, is 11. Meghann is a sophomore in high school, Chenoa is a policywonk for the American Nurses Assoc. in DC, and Sarah continues to be responsible for planning and arranging all events at the Clinton White House. I'm back judging, after a nasty bout last year of liver and colon cancer. That's in remission and I'm the better for the brush with mortality. Went to the Jefferson Davis family reunion in Mississippi; first venture down there since the entire civil rights club of Midd piled into one car and drove to Montgomery in March '65. (Where are you, Ed Weissman '66, and the others?) I am a great-great-grandson of Jeff, as is my cousin Davis "Moose" Webb '66, who was there and has been a regular for years at those events. The two of us probably should have moved to MS long ago and run for office. Davis runs a bed-and-breakfast in Homer, AK. My brother and I drove across country last fall. Sort of a male version of *Thelma and Louise* blended with *Dumb and Dumber*; not the story you'd want to see on *The NewsHour*. Still racing around in my '65 Mustang convertible and clearing my head with quick shots of rock concerts such as Neil Young, Moody Blues, and, yup, Johnny Cash. Couldn't quite make it to the reunion last year, but hope to be at the Murdoch Inn for the next one. Sending this in by e-mail is great, but it must be an editing nightmare on the other end. Or am I the only one who rambles on in the limitless cyberspace available?"

1966

Class Secretaries: *John Rehlen, The Manse, P.O. Box 275, Castleton, VT 05735; and Charlotte Stetson, 10 South St., Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Don Myers wrote a great letter in September: "Many events have happened over the past four years to change the direction of my life substantially. As some of my classmates might remember I was pretty well wiped out by the New England bank failures of the late 1980s and early '90s. My real estate development ran into a brick wall. I didn't lose as much as many others, but I felt like nip-and-tuck there for awhile. Fortunately my wife Susan's work allowed us to survive the downturn with only the loss of a house and credit ratings. Most importantly, our family survived intact, which I cannot say for many of our contemporaries. Since the RE business wasn't going to return for some time, especially in CT, I decided to upgrade my professional skills by obtaining an M.S. in planning/geography, a continuation of my undergraduate degree from Middlebury almost 30 years before. When Sue and I considered the tax laws under which we live and the cost of child care, it became evident that I had to earn a minimum of $35,000 per year just to hit $0.00 in cost. Therefore, I became 'Mr. Mom,' worked part time for a little extra change, and attended schools around the schedules of sons Douglas and Brendan. However, the law of unintended consequences has many surprises for us. I loved being back in an academic setting, obtained perfect grades (not something I could ever claim at Middlebury), and ended up teaching as a graduate assistant, and professor in the community college system. Somewhere along the line I seemed to have acquired some pretty good skills as a teacher (I have taught skiing off and on for close to 35 years, PSIA, Level III), and I loved it. At this time I can't imagine returning to the corporate world. I have far too much fun working with students, working on research that interests me, and occasionally writing an article for a professional rag or two. Since Sue's work brought her to Wilmington, DE, we have all packed up and moved. I will be teaching at Wilmington College in the spring, and perhaps next year at one of the private schools in the area so that the boys can go at a reduced tuition. So, we are all well, but just not going in the same direction we were five years ago. We couldn't be happier, despite the dislocations. New friends will emerge along with new challenges." He concludes with "the best to all," and announces that "younger daughter Katara had my first grandson, Kyle McGandy, last December. Boy, we are getting old!"

1967

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Susan Davis Patterson (spatters@moose.uvm.edu), 67 Robinson Pkwy., Burlington, VT 05401; and David E. Robinson, 31 Summer St., Nashua, NH 03060.*

We recently learned that **Jacqueline Schafer** has been appointed by Gov. Pete Wilson as director of CA's Department of Fish and Game, the first woman to fill this post. Among her qualifications: As a Senate staff member, Jacqueline in 1972 was one of the crafters of the original Clean Water Act. She also helped to write legislation that created the Environmental Protection Agency. From 1990 to 1993, she was Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Navy (Installation & Environment), responsible for cleaning up dump sites and closed military bases. Jacqueline lives in Rocklin, CA. ■ Drawing on his acting experience, **Peter Kovner** has added a second career ("my new niche") as a video conferencing trainer, leading workshops on presentation skills with the Ariel Company. Pete also notes, "We have a son heading for college—we just don't know where." ■ **Paul Connolly** reports that he is still happily teaching fourth grade in Sherborn, MA. Gearing up for the seven-mile "Falmouth

At reunion time in 1996, friends and spouses from the Class of '66 Charlotte Stetson, Geoff and Val Somers Demong, Nick and Jean Gear Lamont, Gus and Liza Dunbar Koven hiked the Robert Frost Trail together and gathered in Charlotte's Middlebury kitchen.

in the Fall" road race, Paul assessed his chances by saying, "I might finish." ■ **Craig Ehrich** (P.O. Box 1804, FDR Station, New York, NY 10150) recently bought and moved into a new apartment in Manhattan. Craig's son, Jason, was married on September 14, 1996, to Christina Rose of Castle Hill, CO. ■ At the Bread Loaf campus over September 27-29, **George Hinman, Pete Roberts, Cathy Clement, Muriel Brine Rogers, Susan Davis Patterson, Tom Patterson, Sue Schweikert Macy**, and **David Robinson** attended the fall Alumni Leadership Conference to begin planning our 30th Reunion. You will be hearing from one or more of them for different reasons during the next few months, so mark your calendars for May 30-June 1, 1997, and start planning now to be there to share a terrific weekend. ■ The Class of '67 Women's Fall Hike took place at Mount Sunapee the weekend of October 4-5. Gathering Friday evening at the country home of **Judy VanNostrand Sturgis** were **Margot Childs Cheel, Olivia Barbour Tarleton, Helen Martin Whyte, Susan Davis Patterson**, and **Cathy Towle Hession**. "Our climbing day was clear, with beautiful foliage," reports Sue, "but it was a darn cold night for camping in tents." ■ On October 26, **Sue Davis Patterson** stayed with **Marion Boultbee** on a visit to New York City. On an early-morning walk down Fifth Avenue, Sue was astonished to encounter **Susan Freier Geisenheimer**, also out for a walk. What are the chances of meeting a Midd classmate on a New York street? Some days, they're pretty good.

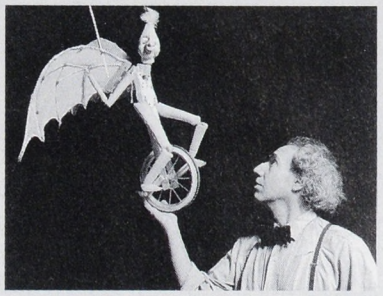
1968

Class Secretaries: *Nancy Brooks Richardson, 6 Cameron Rd., Wayland, MA 01778; and David Weinstein, P.O. Box 414, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.*

Gale McFedries writes: "After 20-some years, I have recently moved back to the U.S. with my daughter, Lindsay. We are now living in suburban Detroit. Lindsay has started grade 10, and I am looking for a teaching contract or two or more to continue a long career as a business communications/management adult or post-secondary educator. It seems strange to be starting over again at this time of life. I will miss Montreal and its bilingual flavor." ■ The Hon. **Peter M. Lauriat** is serving on the board of editors this year for the *MA Lawyers Weekly*. Peter was appointed to the Superior Court in 1989, after spending 17 years in private practice in Boston. ■ **Kip Sluder** sends word from Sudbury, MA, that he is "another day older and deeper in debt." Kip and wife Pat are busy restoring and renovating an antique "money pit." He and Pat and children John ($4^1/_2$) and Katherine ($3^1/_2$) have finally been able to move into their "new" home after several years of work. ■ **Sharon Smith**, who has an M.Ed. from the Univ. of ME, entered the doctoral program in psychology at Antioch New England Graduate School in Keene, NH, in September. She commutes weekly from Canaan, ME, to attend classes Mondays and Tuesdays—"VERY long days." She hopes to become a psychologist—"a Psy.D., which is a more clinical program than the Ph.D." Her goal is to "work with people who were sexually abused in childhood and are now needing some help with marriage and parenting. I've been wanting to do this since sophomore year at Midd, but didn't have the gumption until now. Last year I was in the Antioch psych M.A. program and very much enjoyed a nine-month internship on the psychiatric ward of a nearby medical center." Her previous job was in public health education for the ME Department of Human Services, where husband Randy Huber is a computer programmer-analyst. Daughter Christy (21) is studying photography in Denver; daughter Meg (17) is catching up on academics at the White Mountain School in NH, after being ill with thyroid failure. Their daughters enjoy rock climbing, mountain biking, skiing, and so on, while their "couch potato parents look on, thrilled but pale."

CLASS ACT

Pulling Strings



The puppets of Eric Bass '69 are nothing like Pinocchio, Punch and Judy, or the Muppets. They are characters on stage alongside human actors, playing serious roles in adult dramas, their wooden nature accentuating the "other worldliness" they are meant to portray.

Playwright, director, and actor, as well as puppet maker and puppeteer, Bass co-directs the Sandglass Theater in Putney, VT, from a 65-seat barn/theater. There the company creates and rehearses the dreamy yarns they spin out across the globe.

His current work in progress, called "Never Been Anywhere," is classic Bass. Based on two short stories by Vermont writer Castle Freeman, the piece uses actors and puppets to portray the old New England rural lifestyle from both sides of the coin.

"Some people feel stuck on a dead-end road where they can never get out," he says. "Other people have everything they need right where they are and don't need to go anywhere else."

Since his days at Middlebury College studying English, comparative religions, and finally earning his degree in theater, Bass has lived the artist's life. In the early '70s, he worked in New York City as a street performer, using homemade puppets to act out classic folk tales. In 1975, he joined the New York-based Theater of the Open Eye, where he worked with Joseph Campbell, the well-known mythologist.

"There I became immersed in total theater," he says. "They used actors, dancers, and musicians, and I added the element of puppetry as well." Bass has performed, directed, and won theatrical awards all over Europe, Scandinavia, and Australia, and in 1982, he founded Sandglass Theater with his wife, Ines Zeller Bass. This year Bass is teaching theater at Marlboro College as well, keeping his family close to home and offering him the satisfaction of developing a new generation of theater artists.

Bass, the son of a music arranger and a publicist, says he relishes the artistic satisfaction his lifestyle affords.

"What I find so interesting in my work is that it spans the whole artistic process—from conception to ongoing performance," he says. "And the authorship of a piece gives the actors and myself an ownership of it, and that's part of what makes the work so good."

Valerie R. Gregg

1969

Class Secretaries: *Juliane Wallace, 142 Central Ave., Montclair, NJ 07042; and William H. Hearne, 324 Ayrault Rd., Fairport, NY 14450.*

A puppeteer, playwright, and performer, as well as a crafter of masks and puppets, **Eric Bass** has appeared across the U.S., Europe, and Australia, and is a cofounder of the Sandglass Theater in Putney, VT. He appeared at the Flynn Theatre in Burlington this October, presenting his classic solo piece, "Autumn Portraits," which was awarded a

Diploma of Excellence in Pecs, Hungary, and the First Prize Critics Award for Best Production at the International Puppetry Festival in Adelaide, Australia. Many of his puppets are about 18 inches tall, made of wood, papier mâché, and cloth. In a statement in the *Burlington Free Press*, Eric says, "The puppet is sometimes much more human than the human being. The puppet attracts a certain kind of focus, because it's capable of a different kind of humor, austerity and integrity." He adds that the puppet is "from the world of dreams or memories, or something that implies a stranger." ■ **John R. Carr III**, president and principal of the Indianapolis law firm Buschmann Carr & Shanks, P.C., has been reappointed to the continuing legal education board of the American Bar Assoc.'s Tort and Insurance Practice Section. John is also parliamentarian in the House of Delegates in the IN State Bar Assoc.

1970

Class Secretaries: *Andy Wentink, P.O. Box 356, Hohokus, NJ 07423.*

1971

Class Secretary: *Dr. Susan R. Thornton (thornton@spectra.net), 22 Vincent St., Binghamton, NY 13905; and Mr. Barton M. Hall (barth@ncatfyv.uark.edu), 20304 Center Rd., Winslow, AR 72959.*

Charles Ambler, assoc. prof. of history at the Univ. of TX at El Paso, has been named the new assoc. VP for graduate studies. He now oversees UTEP's graduate school, with more than 2,300 students in 60 master's and 6 doctoral programs. A respected African history scholar in his own right, Charles is the author of *Kenyan Communities in the Age of Imperialism* and coeditor of *Liquor and Labor in Southern Africa*. He and wife Gloria Miglietta Ambler '70 have two children, Peter (15) and Catherine (13). ■ **Phil Torgersen** (torgersen@aol.com) e-mails: "It's nice renewing contact [via the Internet] with friends you haven't seen or talked to in years. In helping family members and friends learn how to traverse the Internet, I've come across a few schools which have a feature which would be nice for Middlebury's Web site. Denison Univ. in OH, for example, is a small college which has a web site at http://www.denison.edu. Available at that site is a facility for looking up other alumni members and finding their e-mail addresses, as well as an interactive utility to add one's own e-mail address(es) to the on-line list. [*We note that Phil has three e-mail addresses—the one above, torgersn@concentric.net, and phil.torgersen@fmr.com.*] The book which the Class of '71 sent out to its members was terrific! People's e-mail addresses were listed and I've since renewed several Middlebury friendships through the Internet. It would be nice to talk to people from other classes as well, however, and it would be helpful if people who didn't originally respond had a chance to make current or future addresses available. At the least, maybe a request for such addresses through a future issue of *Middlebury Magazine* could generate some responses for later publication. ■ **Brian Iggulden** (brian_iggulden@ridley.on.ca) was "sorry to miss the reunion, but thrilled to hear from my friends at 2 a.m.! **Sandy McDowell** scared me off. I don't sing 'Sunshine of Your Love!'" ■ A film for which **Martha Goode** was art director had its premier in Albany on October 20. *The Greatest Gunfighter Who Ever Lived* was shown at the Egg Theatre in the State Office Building Plaza. ■ In August, Rob and **Joan Kerrigan**, along with son Evan and daughter Brooke, traveled to the Grand Canyon, where they found spectacular views and not many people on the North Rim. "It was five extra hours of driving time," Joan reports, "but it was well worth it. Also, it's 1,000 feet higher in elevation, and lots cooler." They went on to San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. Joan hoped to see **Ann Waltner** and **Chuck Ambler** in December when they were attending a conference in Washington for the American Historical Assoc. ■ **Louise Boyd Cadwell** has been working to incorporate the Reggio Emila approach to early childhood education in three St. Louis schools, one public and two private. She and her family spent 1991-92 in Italy, where she studied this innovative approach. Now she has written a book, coming out from Teachers College Press in fall '97, describing that year and her later work in St. Louis. A national conference is planned in St. Louis for April 10 and 11, 1997. ■ My (**Susan Thornton**'s) work projects include editing a manuscript for an Australian author, George Hicks, who is writing on "Japan's Hidden Apartheid: The Korean Minority and the Japanese." I would be very appreciative if those who have traveled in Japan or have any insights on this topic could send me what information you have. My new e-mail address is listed above and I would also love to hear from classmates near or far with any and all current news.

For the Brahms Requiem
at Middlebury on May 3,
soloists are bass-baritone
Andrew Wentzel
and soprano
Nancy Krumm Sichler

1973 & 1971

1972

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Jennifer Hamlin Church (jhchurch@sienahts.edu), 11151 Summerfield Rd., Petersburg, MI 49270; and Judy Wingham, 417 Guildwood Pkwy., West Hill, Ontario M1E 1R3, Canada.*

Needless to say, our 25th Reunion happens May 30-June 1, 1997, so make plans to be in VT. ■ **Bill Collins** (wcol@erols.com) was up in VT in August 1996, "for a mountain respite with friends in Rochester, VT, and to visit Bahais and old friends who live in Middlebury." Son Jonathan, a senior at West Potomac High School in Fairfax County, VA, is looking at schools in the Northeast for film study. In August 1995, Bill completed his second master's degree, this one in social science from Syracuse. His master's thesis is being revised as a book, entitled *Their Final Consummation: Millennial Themes in the American Bahai Community—The Millerites and Time Prophecy*. Bill e-mails: "Many of you will remember that I was one of the rather large contingent of Bahais at Middlebury in the 1970s. Many of my activities involve using my talents for my faith. I have been appointed to an editorial board of the Bahai Publishing Trust, and so have quarterly meetings in Chicago to develop a publishing agenda. I am also the secretary of the Bahais of Mount Vernon, VA." At Middlebury, Bill was in the choir, but didn't play a musical instrument. He began saxophone lessons in May and now has "a modest ability with the alto sax." Wife Rachel (Brunstetter) '73 continues as a bassoonist with the Alexandria Band, and is also teaching watercolor at the Art League of Alexandria. Bill spoke recently with Bobbie Armstrong Lafford '73. Bobbie and husband Peter are active members of a singing group called Cantemus. Bobbie was recently promoted to an important position at AZ State Univ. in Tempe, AZ. Bill also hears "sporadically" from Frank '74 and **Christena Lecko Mann**, who are in Curaçao. Their son, Josh, is a junior at Middlebury. ■ **David Kunhardt** has moved to Corte Madera, CA. As the manager of affordable housing investment for Transamerica Realty Services, David works in the Pyramid Building with a view of San Francisco Bay. He invites friends to call when in the area (415/983-4000). ■ After 2.5 years as a postdoctoral fellow, CSIRO Div. of Exploration of Mining, Dr. **Pamela Smith Horowitz** has "resigned that position with no definite plans for work just yet. Am very busy just raising son Ian (nearly 6), tending a big garden in Perth's climate, etc." ■ **Martha B. Sosman** was William Weld's first appointment to the superior court after he became governor of MA in 1991. This past August, Weld listed Martha as one of four finalists for a seat on the state's highest court. ■ Cambridge artist **Sam Walker**'s paintings and prints were exhibited at the Montserrat College of Art Gallery in Beverly, MA, this fall. The works shown featured built-up images, etchings, and reworked surfaces from his *Burden of Culture* series. ■ Political activist **Torie Osborn** stopped in VT in October on a 27-city trek to promote her book *Coming Home to America: A Roadmap to Gay & Lesbian Empowerment*. The book grew, in part, out of her concern about the gap that existed between "what was being put out there" in political and social discussions of family values, and her experience of the values that existed in the gay and lesbian community. Her metaphor for the book is the notion of gay men and lesbians as exiles from the world at large (and often from their own families) for about 25 years, creating a community of their own, and that now it's time to "come home to America"—to reclaim institutions, places, and possibilities that have been unavailable. "The radical right has seized control of the entire conversation about values," she says. "We need to talk about what the gay and lesbian community has to teach America as it searches for a vision that can invigorate democracy and heal this country."

1973

Class Secretaries: *Robert L. Badger (badgerrl@potsdam.edu), 16 Grant St., Potsdam, NY 13676; and H. Kit Fuller (hkf@igsdn010.cr.usgs.gov), 4600 Cloud Ct., Boulder, CO 80301.*

Bass-baritone **Andrew Wentzel** has sung a lot of opera and has also served as a soloist for many choral works, but did you know that he also sings "Home on the Range," Ghost Riders in the Sky," and "Mariah?" Well he does, and he did with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra for the "Western Extravaganza" last July 13 at the Finger Lakes Performing Arts Center. When asked by a reporter how tough it is to switch from one type of music to another, he replied that "it's not really difficult because I think I'm a natural-born ham. These are all movie and television songs we grew up with and heard Frankie Laine singing. It's fun to put on a different hat, literally, and have a good time and do something just for fun with the audience completely into it and reacting exactly as you would hope. It's more like doing a rock concert." ■ In his first update since about 1977, **Bob Lally** writes, "after multiple grad school programs to become a lawyer and a CPA, I spent 16 years in Big Six Accounting (a term of art for accounting types)," leaving in 1991 to form a new company, Federman, Lally and Remis, LLC. "While it is trendy to reengineer corporate America, usually a polite term for firing everyone, we are actually reinventing accounting services in a small, computer literate and technically excellent firm." Bob's specialty is tax work and he has also been "sitting as a special master in tax court" to keep active in law. Bob and wife Anne (married 14 years) have three children, Bobby (11), Jenny (8), and Jason (3). "We are about to leave Pampers behind, but at my age can Depends be very far away?" Anne is getting her second master's in social work with an eye toward marriage and family therapy. Friends have suggested she should get the degree for her life experiences living with Bob. Bob continues to ski (backwards, teaching the snowplow) and has picked up his long dormant love of fly fishing, enjoying the Farmington River close to his home in Avon, CT. He promises to write again "in another 20 years and keep this flurry of correspondence going." ■ **Priscilla Stone Stevens** writes that she is "the acting teacher in the English department" at UMass Lowell. She also teaches freshman writing courses and interdepartmental cluster courses. The most recent of these was "The Literature of Technology and Human Values," taught as part of a cluster with the engineering dept., a truly "weird experience." Her oldest child, Kate, entered Middlebury as a first-year student this fall, a member of the Class of 2000. "She graduated from Middlesex School in Concord, MA, this year, and Midd was her first choice. When we toured last summer, I was pleased to run across **Mike Schoenfeld** in the Admissions Office. Our son, Cliff, will be a sophomore at Middlesex this year, and it won't be long before we start the college search all over again with him." She also claims that the college search was fun: "You'll have difficulty remembering that you're the old guy in all of this; you'll be thinking, "I never got to do that when I was in college," "THAT looks interesting," and "What a great idea—wish I could do that now." Midd has changed so much since our years there—so many more opportunities in every aspect of college life—and I loved it when we were there. Too bad we can't all just chuck it and go back to school now that we appreciate it!"

Michelle Ford Moe
has begun to incorporate the art form of dance into the liturgy, founding a dance choir to complement the existing voice choirs in the church.

1974

1974

Class Secretary: *Barry Schultz King, P.O. Box 77, Ripton, VT 05766.*

Ginny Glazier Bernardis is now "teaching high school age juvenile delinquents. Quite a change after 20 years with elementary life skills kids. Still in Johnstown, PA—still working on the house. Still writing poetry and stories—some decent, some not. Still hanging." Her son started college in Pittsburgh in the fall. ■ As director of housing public affairs, **Alan Levy** oversees the Univ. of MI's massive housing system for students in Ann Arbor. His big annual challenge is trying to estimate the number of new students and the percentage of returning upperclass students. In 1995, both turned out larger than expected, causing a housing crunch. Alan was expecting a similar situation last fall. ■ **Michelle Ford Moe** graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary in 1994 and accepted the call to minister to the Middletown (PA) Presbyterian Congregation. Since that time she has begun to incorporate the art form of dance into the liturgy, founding a dance choir to complement the existing voice choirs in the church. Michelle's husband, Kenneth Moe, is also a Presbyterian pastor. In the years immediately after Middlebury, Michelle had a successful career as a bilingual corporate secretary. When her first husband died in 1984, leaving her with a young child, Michelle became active in the Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church and eventually made the decision to enter the ministry. ■ **Jane McGill Cooke**, who conducts alumni interviews for Middlebury in Manchester, NH, says she's impressed with the caliber of applicants who get turned down or wait-listed. "It gives one pause," she says, and makes her appreciate having been accepted. Jane teaches "under-prepared students" from age 19 to 60 at a two-year technical community college. Husband Peter is in marketing for Outward Bound. Jane participated in an Outward Bound course for educators and found it helpful for her teaching, because it put her into the risk-taking position that her students are in whenever they open a book. When not teaching, Jane's time is spent "shlepping." Son Kyle (14) needs to go to football practice and sax lessons, and Cory (11) also plays football, but his instrument is trombone. Jane says she's glad they live in the "center city where the yards are small but the shlepping distances are, too!" Jane reports having heard from **Kathy Badigan** last Christmas ('95). Married and living in Paris, Kathy is on the College "lost list," so Jane is looking for the address. ■ I bump into **Scott Hill** from time to time in Ripton's post office cum general store. Scott has spent the past five years as a clinician with specialized community care. Prior to that, he was a bookkeeper for a woodworking firm outside of Middlebury. Scott spends free time working in his garden or taking his dog Duke for walks in the National Forest. ■ **Martha Lhamon** is an attorney in Philadelphia, specializing in trusts and estates. She is gradually getting back into music and is eager to spend more time with her cello and less time in her office. Martha regrets missing our last reunion, but she was busy getting married that weekend, so I forgave her. Martha's husband, Gary Ebbs, teaches philosophy at the Univ. of PA.

1975

Class Secretaries: *Becca Gustafson Brown (72437.1164@compuserve.com), 1 Roseland Rd., Worcester, MA 01609; and Tony MacDonald, 150 12th St., NE, Washington, DC 20002.*

Many classmates have been finding it easier to send news to us via e-mail, saving themselves that extra stamp/envelope step. Keep it up! The more news, the better. ■ Last year, **Jeffrey Moon** says he started "what I consider the world's greatest lawyer job, as the principal litigator for the U.S. Catholic Conference (sort of the 'trade association' for all Catholic dioceses and charities in the U.S.—like the Campaign for Human Development). It's primarily constitutional *amicus curiae* litigation, in federal appeals courts nationwide. Wonderful work, wonderful people. I also started taking guitar lessons! I'm at least 10 years younger than any of the Rolling Stones—who knows what second career lurks around the corner?" Jeffrey lives in Arlington, VA, with wife Kate and kids Julia (7) and Kevin (5), and yellow lab Duchess Hallie. ■ **Ed Wilkins** has been appointed vice principal of Springfield (VT) High School, where he has been an English teacher for the past 14 years. One of his first tasks will be to deal with the old smoking-in-the-bathroom problem, all the more serious now that state law makes every school a tobacco-free zone. ■ **Russ Marrazzo** is still practicing medicine in Alexandria, LA. He asked us if there were any Class of '75 folks down there and our research found none. Sorry, Russ! He and wife Janice and kids—Joe (8), Nick (7), and Dan (3)—drove northward last summer for a vacation in WI. After some serious fishing, Janice drove the 1,400 miles home while Russ played Monopoly in the back with the boys. He says his back still hurts! ■ Littleton, CO, residents Mary Beth and **Ned Banta** (erbanta@usgs.gov) and their daughter (4) enjoy CO on bicycles, rollerblades, canoes, and skis. A hydrologist at the U.S. Geological Survey since 1983, Ned's project involves groundwater modeling of an area where the water has been contaminated by uranium-mill tailings. Wife Mary Beth teaches high school French and Spanish. ■ After graduation, **Cherie Flagg Maitland** (coaching2@aol.com) lived in ME and VT before moving to warm and wonderful Santa Cruz, CA, to work for the local public radio station. Cherie also runs her own business, Solutions for Success, teaching and coaching people how to stay motivated and reach goals, change habits, and basically take better care of themselves. Any alums interested in a ski trip to Tahoe should e-mail her. ■ **Bob Jones** (bob.jones@valmet.com) reports enjoying our class reunion photo and admits that he jumps directly to our class notes upon receiving *Midd Magazine*. He is not alone! After 20 years in the U.S. Marine Corps and the Ohio Army National Guard, Bob retired last year as a field artillery officer. He also switched jobs, from Mead Paper to the Columbus office of Valmet Automa-

tion in Atlanta, in order to spend more time as a single parent with daughter Kelly (6). At Valmet, Bob is a senior process engineer, specializing in recycling, bleaching, and paper machine controls for several Midwestern states. Although he lives in the flatlands of Columbus, he wants to assure his friends that Kelly has been skiing for four years now! ■ **Paul Brown** and wife Kris have extended their stay on the island of Guam, where Paul practices dentistry and manages a dental office with a staff of 16. Kris and Paul's extensive travels included Christmas '95 in Thailand, where they enjoyed trekking, rafting on a bamboo boat, and riding elephants. Paul has done lots of ocean diving, including an underwater expedition in the crystal clear waters of Palau, and he's also joined a local outrigger canoe team. Although the Browns are taking full advantage of living in exotic Micronesia, they miss friends and family back in the U.S. and plan to return within two years. They are determined to be a part of our big reunion in 2000.

1976

Class Secretaries: *Marion Adler, 530 N. Linden, Oak Park, IL 60302; Jennifer Cogswell, 6 Overlook Rd., Waltham, MA 02154; and John M. Henderson, 131 Martin Rd., Concord, MA 01742.*

Ann J. LaFrance writes: "After 16 years as an attorney with the DC office of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey (7 as a partner with the firm's international communications law group), I have withdrawn from the partnership to establish the international affairs group within the law & public policy dept. of MCI Communications Corp. My new position with MCI is chief counsel, International Regulatory and Commercial Affairs, 1801 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, #918, Washington, DC 20006." ■ Before settling in as an emergency room doctor at three hospitals in ME, **Judy Sandick** was an island doctor for Outward Bound, a physician at an Indian reservation, and a partner in her own practice. Now with four active children, she also handles an average of 20 emergencies in a shift at the ER. Judy's husband is David C. Nutt, Jr. '71. ■ As an employment and labor law attorney with the Boston firm of Gadsby & Hannah, **John M. McKelway, Jr.**, is seeing an increasing number of cases involving Cyberspace issues. Some of the issues involve privacy concerns and defamation claims resulting from the use of intracompany e-mail, as well as the Internet. Because these technologies are new and different, the problem is whether to pass laws that regulate them or to apply existing case law and precedents. In a recent conversation with *MA Lawyers Weekly*, John pointed out that many employees say things over e-mail they would never say in a written memorandum, even though they're aware their e-mail messages may not be private.

1977

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Virginia L. Jones (giniajo@aol.com), 250 County St., Taunton, MA 02780; and William R. Thickstun (xwrt@sunyit.edu), 76 Utica St., Clinton, NY 13323.*

After 10 years in Dallas, **Ed Young** and Sheila McDowell-Young '80 (11 Old Rd., Byfield, MA 01922) have returned to New England, where Ed joined his alma mater, Governor Dummer Academy, as assistant headmaster. Children Eddie (14) and Kristina (12) attend the Brookwood School in Manchester. ■ William M. Mercer, Inc., has named **Robert S. Bruns** as principal in the firm's Stamford office, where he is a consultant in the firm's flexible benefits/HMO administration practice. ■ The Nature Conservancy CT chapter has hired **Denise Schlener** as its new executive director. For the last two years, she directed fund-raising and strategic planning at the Institute for Biospheric Studies, the Peabody Museum, and the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies at Yale. Earlier she worked at the Natural Resources Defense Council in New York, the Land Conservation Coalition for CT, and the CT River Watershed Council in Hartford. ■ **David Towne** has joined Speare Memorial Hospital in Plymouth, NH, as a staff physician. ■ **Nancy Hammerman Cowen** heads the book division of Sage Publications, Inc., a global educational and professional publisher. Sage sent her to Harvard Business School for three months last year to attend a program for management development. Nancy and Peter Cowen were married in July 1995, in the Pacific Palisades, followed by a honeymoon in the South Pacific. A business consultant to emerging and fast-growing companies, Peter also teaches courses on writing business plans and raising capital. Celebrating their first anniversary with a trip to northern CA, they stopped in Palo Alto to see Debbie and Peter Minowitz '76, who is now chair of political science at Santa Clara Univ. ■ **Gwen Toth**'s group ARTEK has released a new CD, *Loveletters from Italy,* of 17th-century songs with countertenor Drew Minter. Her daughter Samantha (6) is a budding cartoonist and Linnea (4) "is proud to be able to read books upside-down (the book, not her!)" Gwen saw **Kelly Daniel Lappan** and family this summer. ■ For seven years after graduation, **Bruce Collamore** taught high school math and coached football, basketball, and lacrosse at Kingswood-Oxford School in West Hartford, CT. In 1981 he married cross-country and track coach Laurie Brooks (Bowdoin '77). Since 1984 Bruce has been teaching 8th grade math and coaches all three seasons at Kent Denver School in CO. He also co-directs a summer lacrosse camp with fellow teacher Allan Smiley '87; Erin Quinn '86 (Middlebury varsity coach) and Jeff Thomsen '83 (head coach at UVM) "come out to help run the show." Bruce and Laurie's sons, Sean (10) and Tim (8), are involved in local athletic endeavors. "Life in CO is super. We are active in our local church, spend time watching youth sports, and take advantage of what the outdoors has to offer." ■ **Sam Carpenter** moved to the DC area in summer '92, when wife Jolene became head coach of women's volleyball at Georgetown Univ. His own career in coaching lacrosse, which he "fell into," "has afforded me the opportunity to live in a few beautiful areas," notably southern VA, CO (where he coached and had a short stint as a playing professional), and Ithaca, NY (Cornell). "Although I never really intended to make this my career, I have found that this profession allows me to work with people, get outside for a couple hours every day, have a small break for Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, have my summers off, and really be my own boss. Now that I think of it, I am a very fortunate individual. However, I still don't know what I want to do when I grow up." Sam has "passed through Middlebury on occasion and was in the old head shop (Wild Mountain Thyme) when I heard of the death of Jerry Garcia." In the DC area, he occasionally sees MaryBeth and **Rick Maeder** and **Cas Heuer**, and he was hired by **Tony Melchior** as backstage security for the 25th anniversary of Earth Day concert on the Mall. Tony was one of the producers of that show. ■ In September, **Elise Long** was part of a faculty concert at Brooklyn's "Spoke The Hub Re:Creation Center," a nonprofit organization offering dance, yoga, healthy cooking, and creative writing for people of all ages. Elise teaches such courses as Men's Stretch Class, Modern Dance & Improv, Macho Girls Superworkout, Energizer for Lunch, Modern Technique & Improvisation, and Family Fun, Art & Fitness. ■ Hope you can all be in Middlebury for our 20th Reunion, May 30-June 1, 1997!

1978

Class Secretaries: *Michael Abend (mikeabend@aol.com), 119 Maple St., Carlisle, MA 01741; Kevin D. O'Leary (mrdithers@aol.com), 4912 Denny Ave., North Hollywood, CA 91601; and Helen Cooke Pyne (hcpwrite@aol.com), 69 Stern La., Atherton, CA 94027.*

Hollister (Holly) James and Aarne Kartna (Univ. of Toronto '71) were married on September 7, 1996. Children Lexy (13) and Jake (10) were honor attendants. Holly writes about the reception, held in their backyard under a large tent: "It was eerie and beautiful, listening to the strains of music inside the tent, with candlelight and wine, while the winds and rains of Hurricane Fran danced outside." ■ **Ron** and **Sue Woodworth Frisbee** write: "In this year in which we both turn 40, so many things have come together for us! Ron is enjoying his third year of teaching conservation and natural resources. I love my new job working in campus ministry at Hartwick College and SUNY Oneonta—also serving as college chaplain at Hartwick. Gideon ($12^{1}/_{2}$) and Chelsea (10) own a small herd of white faced Hereford beef cattle and enjoy soccer, farming, fishing, reading, writing, and horses. We all love and greatly appreciate our rural lifestyle in Delhi, NY." ■ On December 11, 1995, baby Katherine joined her brother, Matthew (3), and parents John and **Joyce Nolan Harrison**. Joyce is a part-time child psychiatrist at the St. Mary's County Health Dept. She is also a consultant to the counseling center at St. Mary's College of MD, one of the few state college honors programs in the country. Joyce recently saw **Diana Munger Hechler** and **Dianne Del Vecchio** at a party for **Adele MacDonald**. ■ **Tom Weeks** quit the Seattle city council last August to join the Seattle school district as director of human relations. Tom was praised by many for his performance during the city council stint, mainly for reforming the city's budget process and for helping to engineer financing for major capital projects. He also drew praise for his role in landmark legislation leading to the family and education levy and other children's programs. Tom lives in West Seattle with wife Deborah Oyer '77 and their children, Flora (7) and Mitchell (3). ■ **Amy Dale** and Morgan Broman, married on March 30, 1996, have bought a house in Alexandria, VA, making it an easy commute to DC for Amy. She has worked for the Department of Justice for 17 years. Amy informs us that classmate **Reid Figel**, also based in DC, won a prestigious honor last spring when he was awarded the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award for his legal work. Congratulations, Reid! ■ With a graduate degree in counseling, **Laurie Galbreath Nichols** worked for many years to help domestic violence victims and adolescents with drug and alcohol problems. Laurie feels passionately about her work, but admits that it's intense, so she's enjoying a breather right now as she stays home to raise sons Daniel (8), Robbie (6), and Taylor (2). Laurie, Randy, and the boys have moved back to Denver from Chicago. She also mentioned that she had fun vacationing in Canada with **Peggy Daniel Murphy**

last year. ■ We finally caught up with **Sally Lent Ho**, who says "Aloha" from HI. On the island of Oahu, Sally and husband Brian and children Libby (11), Sam (9), and Alex (7) live in the idyllic little town of Kaneohe. Sally invites Midd classmates vacationing nearby to call her (808/235-3184): "We're only five minutes from the beach!" Sally is able to get to the mainland every year to ski in Tahoe or visit family in northern CA since she has quit work to spend more time with her family. "My kids still keep me busy though," she says. "I missed a Middlebury reunion last week because of a cub scout meeting!" ■ **Kathy Zaumseil** is working for a nonprofit group, Rural Advancement, doing agricultural research and rural advocacy. Living in the small town of Pittsboro, NC, agrees with her. "I love the temperate climate here," she says, "because I can have a garden year round." Kathy, who enjoys keeping up with some of her classmates up north, says she has wonderful memories of Middlebury, but confesses, "I can do without those cold winters." ■ We regret to report the death of **John Bicoulis** on August 3. We send the condolences of the class to his family. A memorial appeared in the fall magazine.

1979

Class Secretaries: *Donna Brewer MacKenna (dbmack@aol.com), 125 School St., South Hamilton, MA 01982; and Margaret A. Paine (mapaine@christa.unh.edu), 17 Old Landing Road, Durham, NH 03824.*

Congratulations to **Dorrie Fuchs** and Gareth Vaughan, married on October 13 in Bethesda, MD. **Majie Zeller** and husband David Kravitz sang a duet from Mozart's *Exultate Ubilate*. Also at the wedding were Mischords **Susie Devine, Nancy Limbacher Meyer**, and business manager **Joanellen Sullivan Hurley**, as well as **Melissa Carr, Pat Fox**, and Marge Coombs '76. (See Dorrie's photo with Majie and Nancy.) Dorrie sings with the Oratorio Society and performed with the National Symphony this winter in the Berlioz *Requiem*. If you miss that, you can hear Dorrie in a performance of Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony* at Constitution Hall in DC. At the Washington International School, Dorrie is director of admissions and Gareth is dean of students. ■ **Mike Minor** (mminor@kisnet.com) and wife Elissa report the birth of daughter Carolyn on January 11, 1996, joining big brother Eric (born August 1, 1994). "Our lives have been quite busy these last couple of years! We are fully immersed in Gymboree/Discovery Zone/Kindermuzik/Barney, etc. Last March we moved into our new house in Morristown, NJ, and six months later we are just about unpacked. I have been in the financial information business for the last 10 years, mainly on the marketing side, but lately I'm involved a lot with computer technologies." ■ **Beth Ackerman** is "trying to cram life into a busy work schedule." Her project last summer was editing a documentary film on minority professors, called "Shattering the Silences." Scheduled to air on June 24, 1997, on PBS, Beth calls the project "a fascinating, moving 90-minute film that's left me with a stiff neck and no exercise." ■ **Carol Reed** is teaching French at the Lake Champlain Waldorf School in Shelburne. Also active on stage with the Middlebury Community Players and Theatre Group Ltd., she recently choreographed *Hello Dolly* for the Players and sang in their cabaret at Middlebury's Festival on the Green. ■ In Brunswick, ME, **James Douglas** is the new pastor of Durham Friends Meeting, where his family participated in the meeting's origin more than 200 years ago. With a master's in education and community agency counseling, he has worked as a counselor with drug and alcohol addicted patients in several agencies in ME and with Youth Alternatives Inc. in Portland. He lives with wife Patti-Ann Goodman and her high school age sons, Daniel and Jeffrey Goodman. ■ **Andrew** and **Ellen Abrams Weiss** are in the DC area. Andrew works for Fannie Mae, while daughters Allison (9), Emily (7), and Ava (4) keep Ellen on the run. They keep in touch with Dick Forman, Midd's technical director of theatre, who came for a visit last spring. ■ **John Goodman** (goodmajb@osd.acq.mil), our man in Washington, has a new job as deputy undersecretary of defense for industrial affairs & installations: "The long title means I'm responsible for base closures and economic redevelopment, housing, defense restructuring." Wife Sherri manages environmental issues at the Department of Defense. The Goodmans have a daughter, Natalie (1), who "is not the least interested in national security." ■ We missed our chance to see **Sandra "Buzz" Buzby Whalen** perform; she's packed away her hockey stick after 11 years as the only woman in a men's ice hockey league in Chicago (Chuck Lauer '52 was a teammate). She's also handed over the presidency of the girls' ice hockey league she founded. "I'm waiting 'til my little guy (son Casey, age 4) is older, then I'll coach his team," she says. They live in Lake Bluff, IL, and husband John is in sales and circulation with the *Chicago Tribune*. Buzz recently left Lake Forest Academy (where she worked in the dean's office and coached hockey for eight years) and became senior therapist for a child and adult crisis team north of Chicago. Her brother, David Buzby '82, named his second child Reid, which is Buzz's middle name and their mother's maiden name (Betty Reid Buzby '48). Buzz reports that anyone looking for ski equipment in VT can find it at Henderson's Ski Shop in Quechee, owned by **Jack Henderson**. ■ Check out the credits when you watch Court TV's *Inside America's Courts*, covering legal news and trials around the country. **Darcy Bonfils** is a senior producer. She does extensive writing, reading, and research, deciding what stories go in each show and in what order, as well as what they look like and the editorial content. "It's much more creative than the grind of daily news production, and I really enjoy it." Before joining Court TV, Darcy produced the local news at WCBS for three years, "working with all the big names in the business" and working "every shift imaginable." She ran the second half of the NYC marathon last fall as a guide for a blind runner. Darcy reports that she saw **Cindy Cunningham** in Easthampton in September and that Cindy looks great. ■ Here's hoping that all of you look as great as you did at Midd, or even better, as we head toward our 20th (!) Reunion in 1999. Meanwhile, if you turn to class notes first and enjoy reading about your classmates, take a minute to jot us a postcard or e-mail us. E-mail is easy and ensures we won't spell your children's names wrong.

Fraternity triennial reunion (see 1980 column)

1980

Class Secretaries: *David and Laura LaFever Austin, 305 Swift St., S. Burlington, VT 05403.*

Bride Dorrie Fuchs '79 was joined by Majie Zeller '79 and Nancy Limbacher Meyer '79 in a pose reminiscent of their days as Mischords in '76-'79. News of Dorrie and Gareth Vaughan's marriage appears in the '79 column.

Alison Osius and Michael Benge welcomed son Roy Michael Benge on July 10, 1996. Roy joins brother Teddy Osius Benge, who turned three in September. The Osius-Benge family lives in Carbondale, CO, where Alison continues to work part time as senior editor of *Climbing Magazine*. ■ **Mary Graves Vonnegut** has been promoted to senior VP, chief marketing officer, at Hanover Direct. Mary joined Hanover in December 1995 as president, museum collections, and was later named senior VP, marketing for Domestications. Prior to that she was VP, marketing, for Ross-Simons and VP, chief operating officer, for Passport Internationale. ■ **Bill Higgins** is plant manager at Allied Signal Aerospace, the Oxford, AL, facility of Allied Signal Inc. Interspersing his work with higher education, Bill has a mechanical engineering degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic, returned to Middlebury to study Japanese, and got a master's in international affairs from Columbia. Allied Signal sent him to Tokyo to work on an electronics-materials joint venture with four Japanese companies before transferring him to head the Oxford plant. ■ **Joseph A. Coneeny** is head of the media and telecommunications group for Credit Suisse. He had been a managing director in the global media and telecommunications group of Chase Securities, Inc. He has a diploma from the Pushkin Foreign Language Institute in Moscow. ■ The big news from **Steve** and **Robin Putnam Ahmann** is the birth of Lindsay Wilde Ahmann on June 6, 1996—"just in time for her dad's high school reunion party at our house three days later. It's never too early to start going to parties! Travis loves the role of big brother and hates to let his sister sleep. We spent the summer close to home, except for a trip to Twin Lakes in Salisbury, CT (see photo caption below). The D-4 even did some singing. We continue to see a lot of **MJ Wagner Dedon, Macy Lawrence Ratliff**, and Gretchen Hund '79 here on the left coast. We look forward to visits from other Midd classmates." ■ ***PHOTO CAPTIONS:*** Silhouetted against Twin Lakes in Salisbury, CT, last August were **Ken Shulman, Madeline Hardart,**

Families gather in Salisbury, CT (see 1980 column)

Scott Fleming, Robin Putnam Ahmann and baby Lindsay, **Steve Ahmann** and son Travis, **Paul Turco**, Helen Turco and son Sam. ■ Flying in from FL, CA, DC, and MA for their traditional trienniel get-together were DU brothers **Matt O'Connor, Bob Yeadon, Bob DeValle, Jeff Angers, Kevin Kelleher**, (front row) **Mike Haynes, Mark Fernberg, Kevin Matson**, and **John Dale**. **Peter Murray** missed this one due to child #2. The group enjoyed two days of golf at Westchester and the Rockaway Hunt Club, followed by "a final quiet evening at Kevin Kelleher's house on Long Island." ■ In Rockport, MA, to celebrate the marriage of **Norah Wallace** and Ray Sullivan were Mary O'Donnell '82, Joyce O'Donnell Maroney '78, **Pam Blake**, Tim Wallace '57, Chip Labonte '81, Liz O'Donnell Wallace '57, **Rosie Agnew Labonte**, the newlyweds, Paul Perrotta '84, Kate Wallace Perrotta '86, Alice Britain Griffin '59, and Joy Contente O'Donnell '57.

1981

Class Secretaries: *Anne Borchardt Exler (exler@erols.com), 6160 Llanfair Dr., Columbia, MD 21044; and Sue Dutcher Wagley, 4060 Hanover, Dallas, TX 75225.*

Jennifer Rose Nelson designed the poster for the 17th annual Artists in the Park festival in Wolfeboro, NH, last August. Jennifer has her own business, Jennifer Rose Graphic Design, where she creates logos, color brochures, and booklets. Jennifer and husband Eric, who also operates his own graphic design studio, FireFish, are kept busy with daughters Emily and Willow. ■ When **Jim Miller** and Donna Grusell were married on June 29, 1996, **Timm** and Cate Granger '83 **Zolkos** were in the wedding party. "Our honeymoon was spent in Sweden, visiting Donna's long-lost relatives, as well as a quick 24 hours in Norway and an overnight in Copenhagen." Jim's new e-mail address is navigate@tiac.net. "Navigate comes from the name of my company, Miller Business Navigators, Inc. After 15 years of working for various restaurant companies (Anyone remember DéjaVu in Burlington? How about PC's in New London, NH?) and picking up my MBA along the way (Cornell '84), two wives (at different times!) and two dogs (they say hi)—I started my own business advisory service. Now we live in rural, historic, Canterbury, NH. God's country, indeed (or so thought the Shakers, right up the road from our wood and solar-heated house). My clients are located in all the far-flung corners of our little state, so I've been treated to some nice long foliage tours this fall." Jim and Donna also enjoyed our 15th Reunion last spring.

Norah Wallace '80 and Ray Sullivan (see 1980 column)

1982

MIDDLEBURY

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Alison R. McGhee (mcghe003@maroon.tc.umn.edu), 3441 Girard Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55408; and Charles H. Robinson III, 118 Paradise Ave., Piermont, NY 10968.*

Congratulations to Jens and **Kathryn Forrestel Grüner-Hegge** on the birth of son Haakon. ■ More congratulations go to Matthew and **Betsy Currier Beacon**, who welcomed son William Stoughton Beacon on July 16, 1996. Will joins his two sisters, Kate (6) and Hannah (3). Betsy is taking time off, both from teaching English part time at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, CT, and from doing part-time freelance editorial work. ■ **Susan Nahley Fleishman** is the newly appointed VP, corporate communications and public affairs, at MCA Inc. She was formerly MCA's executive director, corporate communications. She held previous positions with Rosen & Company, Sony Corp. of America, and Continental Insurance. ■ Optician **Richard Tinson** has been appointed director of operations at QSA Optical Co. He had been manager of software and applications for Gerber Optical, where he was one of the inventors of the "Step One Blocking System" in the company's ophthalmic lens processing systems. ■ ***PHOTO CAPTION:*** The May 18 marriage of **Heidi Reichenbach** and Vaughn Harring occasioned a gathering for Joe Kinnealey '80, **Paula Carr, John Neal, Mimi Gleason**, the newlyweds, Peter Lamson '85, **Brooks Neal Axelson**, and Chris Axelson '80. **Melissa Millan Hodkin** missed the photo.

1983

Class Secretaries: *Karey Dubiel Dye, 10027 Doliver, Houston, TX 77042; and Jeanne Hammond Larsen, 3628 Knik Ave., Anchorage, AK 99517.*

After six years in Singapore and Malaysia, **Steve Roberts** is back in the U.S., living in Syracuse with wife Amy and their three sons. Steve would love to hear from friends at 315/432-6235. ■ Mark and **Hope Campbell McAndrew** (vth20ways@aol.com) own and operate Vermont Waterways, Inc., with guided canoeing on rivers and lakes in the northeast corner of VT and sea kayaking on Lake Champlain. They offer five-day and weekend tours, with overnights at country inns, for groups of up to eight guests (all ages). Hope writes that their guests "enjoy the outdoors—especially knowing that a shower, a wonderful meal, and comfortable beds await them at the end of the day." You can learn more about their tours on-line, in an article about a tour they call the "Vermont River Medley" at the "Scenes of Vermont" web site (www.pbpub.com). ■ **Amy Wilcox** and husband Kevin P. Shale II welcomed daughter Madeleine W. Shale on March 1, 1995. ■ **Jane Ogden Houston** is a teacher of studio art, art history, and printmaking at the Westminster School in Simsbury, CT. Some of her works were exhibited at the Artists Guild in VT last summer. ■ **Peter Merrill**, who has been with BankBoston since 1988, is now the new managing director, high yield research. ■ **John Garver**, assistant prof. of geology at Union College (Schenectady, NY), was awarded the Stillman prize for excellence in teaching last September. ■ Professional services firm Ernst & Young LLP has promoted **David MacKinnon** to partner. David and wife Catherine live in the Chicago suburb of Wilmette with their children, Lily (6), Isabel (4), and Angus (2). ■ Lost classmate **Nancy Gaden** (Univ. of Rochester, nursing) writes that she is VP of nursing (she described it as "head cheerleader") at a small hospital south of Boston. She and partner Lisa bought a beautiful old house five years ago and have been working hard on it since then. They get back to visit **Karen Manell** and daughter Tenzin in Lincoln, VT, whenever they can. ■ Toly and **Mindy Baum Zyatitsky** welcomed baby Ilana in January 1996. In April they traveled to Europe and visited Chris and **Jenny Stanley Wieland**, who teach at an American school in Leysin, Switzerland. (See photo.) In July, Mindy got together with **Anne Sudkamp Walker** and daughter Helen. Anne lives in Fairbanks, AK, where she is editing a Russian trade journal. ■ Back on the home front, **June Derby** is manager at Rosie's, where she was spotted during a busy fall foliage weekend, still smiling and keeping things running smoothly. ■ The Class of 1983 Scholarship Fund has grown to a market value of $172,237.70 as of the end of fiscal year 1996. Last year, approximately $6,416 was used to aid students in need of scholarship assistance. Thank you, classmates, for supporting this effort.

1984

Class Secretaries: *Kristen Gould Case, 6490 Snowview Dr., Park City, UT 84098; and David Wagstaff IV, 1007 5th St., #D, Santa Monica, CA 90403.*

Congratulations to Debra Belcher and **Michael Noonan**, married June 2 in

Slatersville, R.I. The Noonans are both employed at Brown Univ., where Mike celebrated a record season last year as men's soccer coach, tallying a 16-4-0 record. At his previous post at UNH, he also did well, compiling a 48-23-9 record as head coach. ■ **Wendy Tanner** and Andrew Bermingham '85 were married in New Canaan early last summer. ■ **Jonathan Good** was one of 11 new members inducted into the Gloucester High School Athletic Hall of Fame last fall. ■ **Susan Bauer** has moved to Los Angeles to attend UCLA's graduate dance program. ■ **Michaela Mentzer Hardimon** writes, "Craig and I just had our second daughter, Emma Christine Hardimon, on July 24, 1996. I'm still teaching at Lincoln Nursery School, so am surrounded by little children 24 hours a day!" ■ Other recent arrivals in the baby department include Emily Hackett Robinson, born September 19, 1996, to **Jim** and **Elizabeth Hackett Robinson** and sisters Kate and Haley. Three girls for the Robinsons! ■ Class secretary **Kristen Gould Case**, husband Mark, and son Caleb (3) welcomed son and brother, Jesse MacLean Case, born July 28, 1996. ■ After Midd, **Annika Turitz** spent two years with the Marriott on Hilton Head Island, SC, then returned to Sweden to work for SAS Service Partner, the catering company within Scandinavian Airlines. Becoming managing director, she ran the airport restaurants at 11 Swedish airports. "After a great time in a successful large company, I have now switched to something completely different. My husband Staffan and I own and operate our own hotel in a small town in the southern part of Sweden. The hotel is called Hotel Continental Ystad. It has 52 rooms, a restaurant, a bar, and conference facilities. It's a lot of hard work, 24 hours a day—but it's a dream come true! I would love to hear from Middlebury friends. Write to me at Hotel Continental, Box 88, 27144 Ystad, Sweden. If you're ever in Sweden, don't miss Ystad—you're very welcome any time!" ■ **Larry "Lighting" Stabler**, Betsy, and dependents (kid #2 arrived last fall) are moving west to Irvine, CA. ■ **James T. Burke** bought a ski shack in Silver Lake, CA. ■ Spies confirm that **Pete** "the Wood" **Wlodkowski** was seen at the Cypress Club in San Francisco in October, taking a break from selling storage systems. ■ **Hamilton Hackney** starred in Groom II and took a bath in Boston after Labor Day, with a top notch cast and crew; special appearances by **Grant** (and Caroline) **Dewey** with best speech, **Rick** (and Lainey) **Makin** with best dive in the living room, **Marc** (and Mimi Dalbey '83) **Tabah** as best dancers, **Jay** (and Nancy) **Klein** as best host of post-party and lipstick applier, respectively, **Dave** (and Alice) **Christopher** as best bathtub scout, **Tony Flint** (best lipstick), with excellent gaffers and best boys/girls including **David Wagstaff, Doug Robotham, Chris Wall, Mason Wells**, and **Steve Moynahan**, with a cameo by **Dorothy van Gerbig**. ■ Sue and **Brian O'Day** are still in London, where Brian works for Instinet. ■ **Phil Huffman** is in a master's program at Yale. ■ **Elizabeth Cutler** is consulting in Santa Monica, CA. ■ **Mark Friedman** quit NYC and moved to Portland, OR, to work for Intel Corp. ■ **Paul Quinlan** will be joining Wags & Yak for golf and the annual NY Giants game in Phoenix. ■ **Greg Danford** will be the starting goalie for the New England Revolution next season.

1985

Class Secretary: *Dale Sailer (Dale_Sailer @ccis.com), 935 Washington St., Glenview, IL 60025.*

In Montreux, Switzerland, last April, Jennifer Stanley Wieland '83 and husband Chris were visited by Ilana (born in January 1996), Toly, and Mindy Baum Zyatitsky '83. The Wielands teach at an American school in Leysin, Switzerland.

Heidi Reichenbach '82 and Vaughn Harring (see 1982 column)

As the long countdown begins to Midd's 200th birthday—and our simultaneous 15th Reunion—there are currently 58 of our former classmates who are MIA. We don't officially know where they are, but perhaps you do. As we all head toward May 2000, we'll be trying to bring those 58 back into the fold, so they can join us in Middlebury for the big event. I'll be dropping their names a few at a time in each quarter's class notes. Where's **Heather Andersen, Walter Donnelly, Gus Gerulskis,** and **Marty Wenthe**? If you know where they are, let us know. ■ As the new administrator for the Zoning Board of Appeals on Nantucket, **Paul Jensen** will be busy, because Nantucket is undergoing another building and real estate surge and the town is gearing up for a comprehensive planning process. His last four years' experience as a real estate/environmental attorney will help him assist the Nantucket community achieve a plan that will preserve the island's unique way of life. Meanwhile, **Cecil Barron Jensen** is editor of the Nantucket Historical Association's quarterly publication, *Historic Nantucket.* She is also coordinator of public relations for the NHA. ■ Congratulations to all our new parents! Matthew Blake Carrington-Fair, the second son of Janice and **Wes Carrington** (caowien@usia.co.at), arrived on December 30, 1995. A month before his arrival, the family moved from Caracas, Venezuela, to Vienna, Austria (American Embassy Vienna, Department of State, Washington, DC 20521-9900), where Wes became assistant public affairs officer with the U.S. Information Agency. Wes e-mails: "Barring further major reductions in the U.S. foreign affairs budget, we should be here for the next three years." ■ **Alex Barnes** (dbarnes910@aol.com) shares news of the birth of second child Edward Alexander last May. "I am enjoying practicing law in Philadelphia and have been keeping in touch with the Middlebury community, albeit not my class, as regional director of the Alumni Admissions Program." ■ "It's a boy!" e-mails Miro and **Laura Ottaviano Copic** (lottac@aol.com). Milan Ottaviano Copic was born on September 28. The Copics live in Coral Gables, FL. ■ Chris and **Kitty Briggs Dowling** welcomed second son Quinn Chamberlin on August 21. First son Wyatt is 3. The Dowlings have moved to CT, where Chris is practicing dermatopathology. ■ **Dean Jordan**, who recently received his Ph.D. in botany from the Univ. of WY, married Lea Guthrie in Pinedale, WY, on September 28. Dean and Lea have taken up residence in Nevada, where Dean is a researcher at UNLV (he's not investigating the basketball program). **Tom** and **Heather Henderson Palmer** were on hand for the wedding. Tom has been promoted to a senior manager in Quaker's marketing research organization, following the successful launch of microwavable oatmeal. Heather has her hands full at home with their two boys, Walter and Timmy. ■ Your new class secretary remains at CCC Information Services in Chicago, where I'm a VP over one of our sales groups. After six years of struggling, our company finally went public last summer, which was a lot of fun for all of us. Around the same time, Laura took a leave of absence from First Chicago to spend more time with our two children before the oldest starts kindergarten next year. ■ Please write or e-mail to let us know what you're up to. Inquiring minds want to know.

1986

Class Secretaries: *Mary Sue Holland (msh @cbsnews.com), 65 W. 96 St., #17D, New York, NY 10025; and Julie Morris Ogden (jogden@spsfg.pvt.k12.md.us), 300 Garrison Forest Rd., Owings Mills, MD 21117.*

Lynn Bergeron and Dennis L. Harris, Jr., were married on July 1, 1995. ■ **Tracie Ann Fifer** married Bill Welch on August 9, 1996. ■ On August 24, **Virginia Thomas** and Hans Wydler were married in Pepper Pike, OH. Classmates who attended the wedding included Rick '84 and **Phoebe Twichell Peterson, Rich** and **Margaret Gill Sobel, David** and **Susan Gavlick Ballard, Chris Peters**, and **Melissa Marquardt**. Ginny, who has her

Class Act

It Translates into Big Business

"Every single part of my life at Middlebury revolved around China and Chinese history," said Krista Conley Lincoln '86 during a visit to campus for the Chinese department's reunion. "When I reflect on my time here I think of John Berninghausen, Nick Clifford, Gregory Chiang—between Chinese and history courses they were my life and I loved it." With that love for China and $6,000 Lincoln started Cambridge Translation Resources, now a multimillion-dollar business that is helping American companies successfully make the leap into foreign markets.

She got her start in the field when she attended a seminar on the future of American business in China after Tiananmen. When the speaker advocated cutting off all ties with China, "I stood up and told him he was wrong." A representative of the Hong Kong government, who happened to be present, later called and asked Lincoln to work with them as a consultant.

"They flew me to Hong Kong and drove me to interviews with U.S. executives in a Mercedes Benz limousine. My dad had always been concerned about me using Chinese for a career. I thought, 'If dad could see me now, this would be awesome! I may still be struggling as a consultant but this is a pretty good gig!'"

During her years as a consultant she also took on an important translating project called Disney's World of English and "there were funny moments when I would be talking to Governor Weld's staff on line one, and on line two I was trying to find a proper translation for Jiminy Cricket."

This was the jumping off point for the birth of Cambridge Translation Resources. The company that Lincoln created now translates marketing collateral, technical documentation, educational materials, and legal/health care/training texts into Asian and European languages. Their work is sought by companies hoping to establish businesses in other countries, and also by companies communicating with an increasingly multilingual American population.

She has hired "extraordinary staff from all over the world," but Lincoln still believes that Middlebury produces the most talented language graduates and she hopes to hire more alums as translators and in-house project managers. "You can walk into a place in Taiwan and see another American and say you came from Middlebury and watch her face freeze as she thinks— "Oh God, her Chinese is going to be really good!"

master's in management from Northwestern Univ., is the director of the kids and teens services at America Online in Vienna, VA. ■ Newlyweds Hans and **Isabelle Hunnewell Stafford** are now living in Durham, NH. ■ **Ross Goodheart** and wife Amy are living in Lafayette, CA, with sons Connor (born March 2, 1995) and Spencer (born April 21, 1996). ■ Jody and **Cathy Stifel Hansen** are thrilled to announce the birth of son Graham McAnney Hansen on June 29, 1996. "We're still living in NYC and I'm on maternity leave from my job at the Metropolitan Museum of Art." ■ Cameron Scott Davison was born on August 1, 1996. His parents are Lorraine and **Scott Davison**. ■ **Don** and Carol Scarbeau '87 **Guidi** welcomed son Michael Nolan Guidi on September 22, 1996. ■ **Victoria Litz** was spotted in NYC, where she spent the summer as an associate at Coudert Bros. prior to returning to Charlottesville for her third and final year at UVA Law School. ■ **Bill Huckins** is a global insurance broker at Aon Risk Services in NYC. Wife Linda is a pediatric resident at Columbia Presbyterian. The newlyweds are living in Manhattan. ■ **Liz Hutson** married Charles John Muller on July 13 in Hope, NJ. ■ **Duncan Littlefield** and wife Tracy announce the arrival of daughter Kirsten Elizabeth on June 5. ■ DC resident **Naomi Greer** has changed jobs. She's now publications manager for Alexandria Hospital. ■ **Mary Cleveland Brown** lives in Seattle, where she takes care of children Caroline and Joshua, and husband Carl. ■ **Mike Hering** is an assistant attorney general in Boston, working in the consumer protection and antitrust division. His work has focused on tobacco, automobiles, and computers. ■ **Hugh Montgomery** and wife Marcia have returned to Seattle, where Hugh continues with his furniture making business. ■ **Bruce Genereaux** (brucegenro@aol.com) recently moved to San Andreas, CA, where he is now general manager of Luzenac Western Source, a talc mining and processing facility. The central CA location has enabled him to keep up with his kayaking, climbing, skiing, and other outdoor sports. ■ **Jenni Blake**, living in San Francisco, is the director of admissions at the Crystal Springs Upland School. She recently completed an EMT basic course sponsored by the Wilderness Medicine Institute in Pitkin, CO. ■ **Dave Gumbart** (dgumbart@tnc.org) has been promoted to assistant director of stewardship at The Nature Conservancy. He lives in Killingworth, CT, with wife Susan and their children, Spencer (3) and Clara (1). ■ **Dmitry Paramonov** has returned to the U.S. for 18 months to train at Johnson & Johnson before assuming leadership of the medical product line in Moscow in January 1998. Dmitry is married to Minako Ota, a Japanese art restorer, and they have a son, Dennis (1).

1987

REUNION CLASS

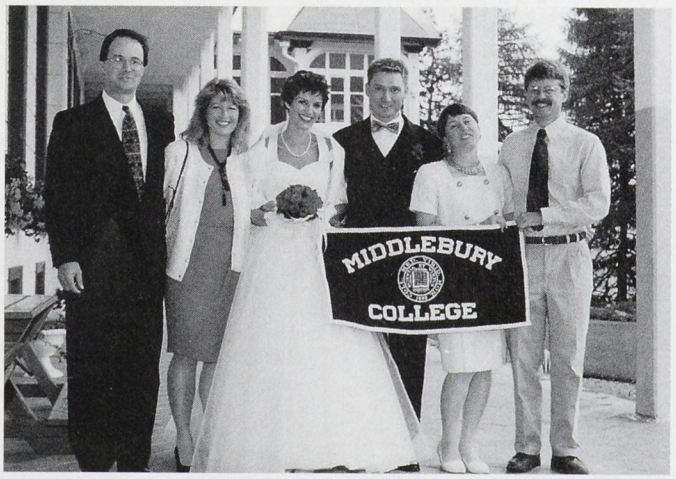
Class Secretaries: *John A. Castle, RFD Box 86J, Derby, VT 05829; and Cameron C. McClearn, 3 Crawford St. #5, Cambridge, MA 02139.*

After getting an MBA (Univ. of OR) and doing a stint in the institutional bond biz, **John Woolley** (WoolleyJ@aol.com) is a portfolio manager of alternative investments for Capital Consultants in Portland, OR. His three daughters are now ages 7, 2, and 1. John says he runs into very few Midd alums and "would love to know who else is out here! Plan to attend the 10th Reunion, if for no other reason than to throw a party in the Deke House." ■ **Anita Graveson** is a flight attendant with Norwegian Airline BRAATHEN S.A.F.E. Living in Norway for eight years, she has done some translating, worked with refugees and asylum-seekers, and taught English and Spanish evening classes for adults. ■ **Cliff Romig** (romig@ix.netcom.com) was in Europe for six weeks last fall for an operatic audition tour of Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. ■ As of September, **Suzanne Wise** was revising her poetry manuscript, *Adult Life*, at the Villa Montalvo Artist Residency Program in Saratoga, CA. ■ After living and skiing in Denver for three years, **Danny Cooper** recently moved back to Chicago, where he is regional promotion manager for Island Records, promoting bands like U2, Cranberries, Melissa Etheridge, and Elton John. Daughter Sari joined Danny and wife Emily on February 8, 1996. ■ **Sean Dunphy** (dunphysd@ttown.apci.com) and wife Sara welcomed twin daughters Evangeline and Molly last April. They live in Allentown, PA, where Sean works for Air Products & Chemicals. He recently helped **Mike** and **Kelly Kent Finnerty** move into an apartment in Philadelphia, where they are living until Mike gets his MBA at Wharton (UPenn). Sean is working on his MBA nights at Lehigh Univ., where his econ prof. is Art King '71. Sean would like to hear from classmates living in the Lehigh Valley area, and he also hopes to hear from **Vin Ziccolella**. ■ **Lesley Dauer** recently won the Blue Stem Award for poetry ($1,000) and has also published a book called *The Fragile City*. ■ **Anne Howland** moved to Boston in May '96 and started a new job, selling air charter throughout the world at a company called Flight Time in Brookline. "Finally I'm combining my interest in aviation with my foreign languages. Would love to hear from friends." ■ **Ann Christie Gusiff** got her MBA last June from the Anderson School at UCLA. She worked with Rob MacLeod '88 and Fred McCrea '89 on their field study project, looking at European distribution for GT Bicycles. Ann has now launched a nonprofit, Clothes the Deal, to provide professional clothing to low-income women and men. For more information contact her at jgusiff@aol.com or 818/798-9186. ■ **Heather Galloway** earned a master's in art history from Williams and a degree in art conservation from NYU's Institute of Fine Arts. She's now a painting conservator at the National Gallery of Art in DC. On June 29, she married Erik Inglis in the Hamilton College Chapel. ■ Shelburne Farms was the setting for the July 1 marriage of Christiana Tampas and **Brian E. Williams**. ■ The marriage of **Sally Anne Evans** and Matthias Stopfkuchen took place on July 6 at the town hall of Feldkirchen and at the Maria Opferung Church in Oberreit, Germany. Sally Anne has an MBA in marketing from Wharton and a master's in German from the Lauder Institute of Management and International Studies, UPenn. She works at BMG Entertainment International's music division in Munich, where they live. ■ Also in July, Kris Emens and **John Gaziano** were married in Leland, MI. With an MBA from BU, Jack is a VP in commercial lending at State Street Bank in Boston. ■ Lauri Freidenburg and **David Skelly**, married on July 27 in Wilton, CT, are working at the Yale Univ. School of Forestry and Environmental Studies in New Haven. ■ The August 3 marriage of Susan Evans and **John Bohan** took place in Milton, MA. ■ **Sarah Hebb** and Michael Carpenter were married on September 7 in Damariscotta, ME. With her master's in social welfare from Berkeley, Sarah is a social worker and psychotherapist in Oakland, CA. ■ As a senior marketing manager at Bristol-Myers in NYC, **Kirsten Hegan Detrick** writes, "I'm responsible for Bufferin, Nuprin, and Tempra analgesic brands—if you have a headache, call me." She and husband Herb (married July 2, 1994) recently had a true brush with "Jaws" on a scuba diving trip to Mexico; luckily the 15-foot tiger shark they encountered ignored them. Kirsten recently saw **Cheri Mather**, who is a physician practicing internal medicine in VA. She also had a fall visit from **Dorrie Paynter**, who loves living in San Francisco. Walking home from work late one night, Kirsten ran into **Bob Post** near Lincoln Center. "This was truly remarkable, since he was in town from Kazakhstan for a whirlwind round of Midd visits."

1988

Class Secretaries: *Liana Discepolo Caffrey (lcaffrey@lesley.edu), 15 Wollaston Ave., #1, Arlington, MA 02174; and Claire Gwatkin, 3819 Military Rd. NW, #2, Washington, DC 20015.*

Claire Ryan is "really enjoying living in England. I'm working for a small investment company in Oxfordshire with many responsibilities, including IT management and ethical investment research. It keeps me very busy." Claire and Tony Rook bought a house last year in a small village in the Cotswolds. "We are in the process of doing it up room by room, which will take a few years. We're getting used to living in the chaos!" ■ **Wendy McDonnell Hale** has started a law firm with husband Eric and another attorney. ■ **Rob MacLeod** received his MBA in June from the Anderson School at UCLA. ■ **David Goodrow** completed his student teaching phase of the master's program at Salem State College. He'll be teaching social studies and language arts at the Charlestown Middle School. ■ **Melissa Perry Penton** was back at Midd in November 1995 to perform a vocal recital in the new performance hall. "It's beautiful!" Then on August 17, 1996, baby Anna-Presley Penton joined brother Beau (6) and sister Alexa (4). "I think I hold the record for most children in my class! My 3-mail address should be oldwomanintheshoe.com." ■ Courtney Grubbs-Donovan joined parents **Katherine Grubbs** and Gerald Donovan on June 28, 1996. ■ Lorraine Little of Belfast, Northern Ireland, and **Jonathan Bigelow** were married in September in Seal Beach, CA. The newlyweds live in Huntington Beach and Jonathan is employed as general manager of a publishing business in Whittier. ■ **Isabelle Bleecker** and **David Van Luven** were married on September 7 at the Onteora Mountain House, a bed-and-breakfast in Boiceville, NY. Isabelle is managing editor of the Charles E. Tuttle Co., book publishers in Boston. David is the coordinator of the NH Natural Heritage Inventory, a state agency tracking rare plants and animals. He is also the author of *More Than Sandy Beaches: A Guide to the Rare and Threatened Habitats of Cape Cod*. The newlyweds live in Andover, MA. ■ With her master's in management from Northwestern, **Joan Viebranz** is an assistant director of the targeted-advertising group of Time Inc. in NYC. Joan married Robert Lockwood on September 21 in Larchmont, NY. ■ ***PHOTO CAPTIONS:*** Gathering in Davos, Switzerland, for the August 24, 1996, marriage of **Daniela Pajarola** and Daniel Wenk were Daniel Bailey '81 and wife Nancy Dempze, the newlyweds, **Diane Meyerhoff**, and Tom Dillon '80. The ceremony and reception took place in the Schatzalp Hotel, overlooking the Swiss Alps. After the wedding, Diane and Tom headed to Austria to hike. The newlyweds live in both Basel and Klosters, Switzerland. ■ **Sandra Peterson** and Bob More '89



Daniela Pajarola '88 and Daniel Wenk (see 1988 column)

Sandra Peterson '88 and Bob More '89 (see 1988 column)

Katy Murphy '90 and Will Tychsen (see 1990 column)

Caitlin McCarthy '90 and Michael Larabee (see 1990 column)

Justin Patrick Ranicar's christening (see 1990 column)

were married on June 15, 1996, at Blueberry Hill in Goshen, with Larry Yarbrough officiating. Groomsmen were Charlie Butt '89, Ivar Henningson '89, Jason Reeder '89, Karl Mayer '89, and Stu Maeder '89. Bridesmaids included Donna More '90, **Marnie Cunningham Terhune, Wendy McDonnell Hale**, and **Anya Puri**. Other Midd folks were Karin Von Estorff Sullivan '89, Lowrey Sullivan '90, Thad Briner '89, Susan Hamill '89, Janelle Moburg '89, Charlie Lamson '89, John Taylor '89, Jane Keller '89, Anne Stevens '89, Stephanie Cooper '90, Beth McElroy '89, Ann Battelle '89, Sean Fitzsimmons '91, **Brad** and **Shannon Murphy Brown, Teresa Arent, Cindy Horn**, Jim Terhune '86, Martha Bangs '87, Emily Hall '89, Elizabeth Toder '90, John Ogden '89, Charlie Fiedler '89, Ann Phillips Fiedler '89, and Matt Burnham '90.

1989

Class Secretaries: *Kristen Canfield McBurney, 7141 Lincoln Park Way, S.W., Seattle, WA 98136; and Timothy O'Shea (Timothy.C.O'Shea@ac.com), 51 Gilbert Rd., Belmont, MA 02178.*

Jessica Thonn (jthonn@www.cla.unifi.it) e-mails: "I recently received the 1996 International Directory and I'd like to say how much I enjoyed 'reading' it and seeing who else is in Italy and where some of my friends are." She sends an address correction (Via del Pontormo 26, 50023 Impruneta, FI, Italy; tel/fax 055/2326262) and lots of good news: "I was married in September 1994 to Roberto Fabbri. Our daughter, Daphne Fabbri, was born August 13, 1995. After receiving my M.Ed. from Seattle Univ. in adult education and human resource training and development, with certification in ESL, I moved back to Florence and began working at the Univ. of Florence as an English teacher in the fall of 1993. I'm very much enjoying living in Italy—I've got a wonderful husband, a beautiful daughter, a job I love, and I live in the green, Tuscan (actually 'Chianti') hills. Life's great!" ■ Michelle and **Steve Warendorf** welcomed son Robert S.L. III on June 10, 1996. Steve is trading foreign currencies in NYC and also has "a small recording studio in basement, which I rent out to performers in need of great quality at reasonable prices." Steve e-mails, "Hi to everyone!" ■ Rob '87 and **Julie Orr Cassady** announce the birth of son Dylan Edward Cassady on July 4, 1996. ■ **Dana King** (danaking@vet.upenn.edu) e-mails: "Having a great time in PA. Looking for an alumni club in Phillie. Can be reached at 610/347-0351 or via e-mail." ■ **Margie Lynch** recently moved to Jackson Hole, WY, where she is executive director of Friends of Pathways, a non-motorized transportation and recreation advocacy group. ■ **John Gore** (jgore@andrew.cmu.edu) is attending Carnegie Mellon Univ.'s School of Industrial Administration for an MBA. ■ **Fred McCrea** got his MBA in June from the Anderson School at UCLA. ■ **Paul Carrese** (visiting prof. of political science at Midd) led a lively discussion on campus following the issues-oriented debate between Al Gore and Jack Kemp. ■ **Porter Ball Knight** was featured in Middlebury's *Addi Independent* last fall when she left her job of the last five years as recycling coordinator with the county's solid waste district to start her own personal consulting business. The manager of the district pointed out that Porter can take a lot of credit for the tremendous increase in recycling in Addison County. ■ Three years ago, **Jim Beach** co-founded the American Computer Experience, an Atlanta-based computer education company that plays host to computer camps for kids ages 7 to 16 on college campuses nationwide. The company has grown from 100 students at summer cyber camps in 1994 to a full-time operation with about 1,000 students projected for this year. ■ Married on June 16 in Killington, VT, were **Penny Post** and Deron Chang '90. Penny received her doctorate from Carnegie Mellon and is now a post-doctoral fellow in the biology dept. at Yale Univ. Deron, with a master's from Yale, is a biology teacher at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, CT, where they live. ■ **Kristianne Grief** and Zsolt Tolgyesi '92 were married at Mead Chapel on July 21. Kristianne has been teaching science at Middlebury High School. Zsolt is a systems manager for Salzburg Seminar in Middlebury and Austria. ■ The September 7 marriage of **Laura Moloney** and Lawrence Kolenberg took place in Woods Hole, MA. Laura received a Juris Doctor degree from George Washington Univ. Law School and is now a corporate associate in the law firm of Goodwin, Procter & Hoar in Boston.

1990

Class Secretaries: *Mary Stechschulte (104104.2702@compuserve.com), 9009 High Dr., Leawood, KS 66206; and Paul E. Needham (Paul_E._Needham@scudder.com), 43 Berrywood Ln., South Hamilton, MA 01982.*

Susan Oddsen (laswulf@halcyon.com) says, "E-mail me! I'm enjoying married life, living on the Bering Sea Coast in Nightmute, a tiny Yupik Eskimo village. I'm the librarian, a GED tutor, and about to print my first catalog of African imports, which will benefit the **Beth Cleary** Memorial Tree Foundation to support small scale women's group agroforestry projects in Kenya." ■ **Elizabeth Toder** reports a wonderful time at the "Fall Rugby-Fest," at which one undergraduate was heard to say, "Dang! Those old ladies are still better than we are!" The next game will most likely take place at the end of April. ■ On September 1, **Karen Boyden** became the first woman ordained to the ministry at the First Baptist Church of Burlington, VT. Karen received her Master of Divinity degree from Andover Newton Theological Seminary. She will serve the First Baptist Church in Newton, MA. Karen officiated at **Caitlin McCarthy**'s wedding (see photo caption below). ■ **Amy Thrall** and Robert Flynn were married in Tariffville, CT, in July. With her master's from Simmons College, Amy is a children's book editor at Houghton Mifflin in Boston. ■ Carolyn Barry and **Michael Lane** were married in Orleans, MA. Michael attends Amos Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth. ■ Married May 26, Elizabeth Bertolino and **Patrick Aylmer** honeymooned in Italy, where they were blessed in a special audience with the Pope at the Vatican. Patrick (master's from Boston College) is a credit product manager at BankBoston. ■ **Katharine Bashant** and Geoffrey Knapp were married on August 17 at Big Moose Lake, NY. Katharine (master's in theatre education) is a member of the Metro Theater Company of St. Louis, MO, where they live. ■ Eleanor Fuller and **Eric Paquette** were married on September 7 in Boothbay Harbor, ME. Eric (master's from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute) is an associate with Cambridge Systematics, a Boston consulting firm. ■ On September 28, **Glennis Gill** and John Swinson (jswinson@pop.interport.net), who met at Harvard Law School in 1991, were married in Brant Lake, NY. **Trilby Sheeser** was a bridesmaid. Also in attendance were **Elizabeth Hager Finley** and Marion Keith Wright '57. Glennis is an assistant district attorney in Manhattan. John, a native of Brisbane, Australia, is an associate at NYC law firm Kenyon & Kenyon. ■ **Diane Peterson**, an elementary school teacher in Brookline, MA, married Eric Seaborn on October 13 in Wellesley. Attending were **Chris** and **Martha Benz Daigle** (of Rochester, NY, where Chris is in his first year of internal medicine residency and Martha teaches kindergarten), **Karen Boyden, Alison Bramley Miller, Mary Beth Sutter, Mary Stechschulte, Willie** and **Joan Hohweiler Herzog** (both pursuing MBAs in Boston), and **Sarah Pribram** (building a house in Shelburne, VT). ■ Congratulations to all our newlyweds and also to our new parents. **Jeff** and **Karen Thayer Bograd**'s son, Nicholas Andrew Bograd, arrived on February 23, 1996. Von and **Alex Mahoney Rollenhagen**'s daughter Zoe Mahoney Rollenhagen was born July 1, 1996. **Jamie** and **Deb Groves Ranicar** welcomed Justin Patrick Ranicar on August 19, 1996. ■ **Celeste Parent** received her master's in English as a Second Language from Simmons College in May 1995. She's teaching ESL at Chicopee (MA) High School. ■ **John Detweiler** (June '96 MBA in finance, Univ. of Rochester's Simon School of Business) is working in structured finance for Standard and Poor's in NYC.

■ Those of us in the Boston area saw **Rob Gray** on television a number of times as spokesman for the Weld Senate campaign. ■ **Jeff Stoner**, who works in management/consulting in Albany, NY, informs us that **Hank Hagey** is attending the Darden School (Charlottesville, VA) for his MBA. ■ **Steve Fitzpatrick** teaches at the Hackley School in Tarrytown, NY; **Phil Mahoney** is working in Boston; and **Greg Frezados** works in Chicago. ■ **Rob Delorie** is in NH, plotting his political debut. ■ In DC, **Jim Stover** works for an organization that assists with ensuring free elections in several of the former Soviet Republics; **Rick Moore** is back from his six-month stint with Andersen Consulting in Puerto Rico; and **Patrick Dorton** (patrick_dorton@harkin.senate.gov) is Sen. Tom Harkin's (D-IA) new press secretary. ■ Carillonneur **Kimberly Hoeft Proffitt** is now assistant director of the Columbus (IN) Area Arts Council. After playing the Middlebury carillon on a near-daily basis for four years, Kimberly won a Watson Fellowship to study carillons in Europe. During her stint in Europe she played more than 100 carillons in 10 countries. ■ **Will Bain**, associate attorney for a Denver law firm, reports that **James Sparkman** spends his free time ice fishing and researching "'roo ranching"—starting up a kangaroo ranch in NV. ■ **Eric Winick**'s theatre company, Particle Wave, remounted their company-created musical *BARISTA! (a debunking)* in September at HERE in Soho. In August, Eric was in L.A. with **Tammy Taylor**, Shawn Ryan '88, and Aimee Young '93, celebrating **Brad Wiss**'s 28th birthday. He also visited **Kira Petersons** in S.F. and enjoyed hiking in Point Reyes. ■ At St. Stephen's School, **Jon Lenicheck** (jlenicheck@sss.austin.tx.us) is dean of students, teaches history, and coached the boys' basketball team to the city championship last year. He's also playing the drums again, for a band called Troy Lanier and the Imperial Flour Company. Be on the lookout for his first album in time for our 10th Reunion. ❖ ***PHOTO CAPTIONS:*** **Caitlin McCarthy** and Michael Larabee were married on September 28. With them for the occasion in upstate New York were Katherine Leary McCarthy '81, Dev Tobin '74, **Karen Boyden** (who officiated), **Amy Thrall Flynn**, and **Kara Hordlow Smith**. Caitlin is completing her master's in library science at SUNY Albany. ■ The recent marriage of **Katy Murphy** and Will Tychsen (UNH '89) was attended by **Sean Murphy**, the newlyweds, **Kirsten Lingwood Romani, Dan Romani, Lisa Ward Coughlan**, and Mike Coughlan '87. ■ Proud parents **Jamie** and **Deb Groves Ranicar** and their Midd kid Justin Patrick Ranicar were surrounded by Middlebury friends following his christening on October 20, 1996: Heidi Ripley '91, Marc Adelberger '91, Kristen Gustavson '91, **Steve** and **Karen Strong Fossel, Heidi Bruckner Fliegauf**, and **Maura Joyce**.

1991

Class Secretaries: *Bill Driscoll, 54 Melrose St., #4, Boston, MA 02116; and Kate J. Kelley, P.O. Box 268, Grand Lake, CO 80447.*

Congratulations to newlyweds **Erica Sasaki** and Ron Gill, who were married on May 26, and to **Nancy Walker** and Stephen O'Leary, married on August 3. ■ **Cornelia Wise** and Robert Conklin, Jr., were married on September 14 in Irvington, NY. Cornelia is the senior marketing associate with Offitbank, an investment management company in NYC. Celebrating at the wedding were **Stephanie Blair, Sara Bremner, Lara Guille, Marika Holmgren, Deirdre McGuire, Rebecca Haskell, Gretchen Loree, Leslie Jarvis, Bill Ware, Meghan Schwartz-Hinkle, Bob Hinkle**, and **Heather Morris**. ■ Heather reports that she "was sorry to have missed reunion" and wanted to let friends from Midd know that she has relocated to Philadelphia, where she is learning a lot at her new job as a biotech analyst. ■ **Lucy Randolph** has recently relocated to Ireland, where she is a student at Trinity College, Dublin. ■ **Drew Smith** (drews@cnet.com) e-mails: "I still live in San Francisco, where I work for CNET: The Computer Network and edit cookbooks for a chef in Berkeley part time. I'm playing hockey on a team that includes **Bill Ware**, Dave Parrot '90, and **Bob Hinkle**. I finally bought a motorcycle and don't think I'll ever move back to New England." ■ **Tara Nells** (tnells@hbs.edu) is conducting research in the finance dept. at Harvard Business School. She'll attend Tuck Business School at Dartmouth in fall '97. ■ Recently graduated from Tuck, **James Nida**, honored for his academic achievement, was named an Edward Tuck Scholar. ■ **Michael Jeram** received a dual MBA/MA from Wharton and the Lauder Institute of Management and International Studies in May '96. Michael can be contacted in Minneapolis, where he has joined the corporate development div. of Medtronic, a multinational medical device company. ■ **Nalin Nayyar** and **Mark Sellon** got MBAs in June from the Anderson School at UCLA. ■ **Dave Liebmann** has returned to Atlanta for a year to teach English and environmental education at the Westminster Schools. Dave has also finished his second to last summer at Bread Loaf's Oxford Univ. campus. ■ *The Attic Memoir of a Chinese Landlord's Son*, by **Guanlong Cao** and Nancy Moskin, has been published by the Univ. of CA Press. ❖ ***PHOTO CAPTION:*** On July 6, **Michelle Graber** married John Bergland (German School '91). Celebrating with

Faith Donovon '92 and Chris Emerson '91 (see 1991 column)

them in Albany, NY, were **Greg Tulonen, Suzanne Melo, Elise Rodman, Grace Garcia Lessing, Heidi Ripley, Meredith Neider Rychener, Kate Culkin, Chad Anderson**, and **Andy Peach**. ■ Faith Donovon '92 and **Chris Emerson** were married at Shelburne Farms. Celebrating with them on August 31 were Michael Parks '92, Rick Jenkins '93, **Jason Shulman**, Jon Bicknell '92, **Bill Driscoll**, David Hanlon '92, Erica Nourjian '92, Desmond Havlicek '92, Kate Grimes '92, the newlyweds, Tish O'Mara '92, **Geoff Curtis, Allison Ross**, (standing) **Alex Heros**, George Gillett '93, **Dave Rogers, Ted Steers, Ian Morton, Clymer Bardsley**, Brad Barnes '94, Kendall Garey '92, Julien Dobbs-Higgenson '94, Julie Parker '92, Jen Rowe Havlicek '92, **Rob Tod**, Campbell Barrett '92, Julie Reinhart '92, **Dave Frame, Amanda Botts, Susie Leness, Philip McCrea**, Sarah Cameron '92, **Paul Scola**, Amelia Gerlin '88, **Dave Findlay**, Linda Johnson Emerson '64, Betsy Connors Cameron '67, Dort Cameron '67, and **Gavin Johnston**.

1992

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Leslie Cone Pagnotta, 3 Mill St., Middlebury, VT 05753 (pagnotta@middlebury.edu); and Viraj M. Mirani (stmaxen2@erols.com), 538 N. Monroe St., Arlington, VA 22201.*

■ Many thanks and kudos to those classmates who attended the Alumni Leadership Conference last fall at Bread Loaf. **Tom Kovach, Carolyn Eppes, Lori Calise, Stacey Marchak, Heather Pedersen, Damon Silverman, Justin Ayers**, and **Lori Racha** represented the Class of 1992 well. They assisted in the planning and fund-raising strategies for our 5th Reunion, shared ideas for alumni chapter activities, and heard about the state of the College and plans for its Bicentennial in the year 2000. ■ **Tom McCraw** is slaving through third year law school at Catholic Univ. ■ **Jennifer Schumaker** left DC and politics for business school at Darden (UVA) ■ **Fred Lawrence** has traveled to Asia six times this year—Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Thailand, but mostly Mongolia, where the Democratic Coalition his company has been working with since 1991 won the parliamentary election in June: "This represents a huge victory for Democracy in Asia, especially considering Mongolia's precarious position between Russia and China." While vacationing in Dallas, he ran into **Doug Cochran** (dcochran@dallas.net), who's a star at RCG Information Technology. ■ Living in Austin, TX, Geoff '93 and **Sarah Chick Kuli** spent much of last summer with **Sarah Woodard** and Kyle Knight '88 before Sarah W. moved to Middlebury. Sarah K. is teaching kindergarten. ■ **Bill** (rodgers@gmpvt.com) and **Christina Bethke Rodgers** can attend Midd hockey games, having left DC for Burlington, VT. Bill's working for Green Mountain Power. ■ **Steve Schrodel** (schrodel@ac.org) visited the "Motherland" for the first time since our graduation via the Vermont Express Railway System. ■ **Cynthia Anne Gabriel** (cgabriel@cats.ucsc.edu), started a Ph.D. program in anthropology at Santa Cruz. She planned a February trip to Calcutta with **Dave Bergeron** (bergeron@SOL1.lrsm.upenn.edu), **Ritu Verma** (verma@sol1.lrsm.upenn.edu), **Felix Paulick** (fpaulick@umich.edu), **Maria Aliberti** (mariaaa@aol.com), **John Logan** (jlogan61@maine.edu), and **Tom**

Michelle Graber '91 and John Bergland (see 1991 column)

Jessica Kubek '92 and Dean Flanagan '92 (see 1992 column)

Armbrecht (Thomas_ Armbrecht@brown.edu). In environmental studies at Antioch New England Graduate School (Keene, NH), Maria also works with the MA Audubon Society. Felix is finishing his MBA at the Univ. of MI, after a summer as a marketing intern with the S.F. Giants. ■ Doing landscape architecture at the Univ. of MI's School of Natural Resources and Environment, **Christa Hawryluk** (christah@umich.edu) envisions large-scale environmental planning and ecological restoration. ■ Back from the Peace Corps, **Katherine Beal** works at the Nairobi Institute in Boulder, CO. ■ Sharing an e-mail address (bschilli@wyoming. com), **Ted Kyle**, **Jason McGowin**, and **Brian Schilling** are "roughing it" in Jackson, WY. Brian left the confines of NIH Cancer Institute in Bethesda, MD, to join Jason working for Wyoming Woolens—manufacturing outdoor clothing from everything but wool! Ted rejoined the staff at Jack Dennis Sports in December, after surveying for Jorgensen Engineering. ■ **Anthony Rojo**, an instructor at Jackson Hole in the winter, spent summer learning the roofing business. ■ In an M.S. program at UT State Univ. (Logan) in geography, **Bill McDavitt** (sljqk@cc.usu.edu) hopes to research river channel processes in mountain streams. ■ After a year volunteering with AmeriCorps, **Garon Jones** (fiche@u.washington.edu) attends law school at the Univ. of WA. ■ **Randy** and **Hilary Eidinoff Meyerson** bought a house in Seattle in April. Hilary (hilarym@u.washington.edu) works for the Attorney General of WA state, while going to law school. Randy, still in the software field for Edmark, rows competitively as a single sculler on weekends. ■ Congratulations to Mark and **Alison Olt Kerr** (okiwio@aol.com), married on May 11 in the San Juan Islands, north of Seattle, then spent a month backpacking through New Zealand. Alison works for Planned Parenthood, but plans to start naturopathic medical school. ■ **Matthew Pauley** (matthew.pauley@agsm.ucla.edu), finished with two years of business school (UCLA), is searching for employment so he can stay in his new house on Hermosa Beach! ■ New lawyer **Mike Summersgill** (michael.summersgill@ haledorr.com) works at Hale and Dorr. ■ UMass Med grad **Tom Hung** (hung.thomas@mgh.harvard.edu) landed himself a surgery residency at Mass General. ■ **Heather VanEpps** (heather.vanepps@ummed.edu) plans to get her Ph.D. at UMass within the next 10 years! She saw **Jessica Tuck** and **John Mansfield** in VT last fall. **Gilda Smart** was supposed to meet them, but couldn't get away from law school in Toronto. ■ At Harvard, **Chris Roper**'s in a master's program in East Asian studies (hoping to join a Ph.D. program in political science next fall) and **Sherry Pelkey Roper** (sroper@ hbs.edu) is a research associate at Harvard Business School. ■ Finishing a Harvard master's last June, **Sarah Gordon** (sarah_gordon@carneysandoe.com) left education to work at Carney, Sandoe & Associates. Any classmates who feel the call of independent school teaching should contact her at 800/ 225-7986. ■ **Carrie Harasimowicz** teaches English at a middle school in Weston, MA. ■ Studying music composition at Smith, **Alicia Mathewson** (amathews@sophia.smith.edu) wants to hear if anyone wishes to participate in an "open stage" during reunion weekend (Friday evening at Bread Loaf?). She suggests comedy, music, or poetry as some starting points. ■ Working at Environmental Futures, a budding Boston consulting firm, **Mike Benjamin** (mike_benjamin@envfutures.com) found time to bike across Ireland with **Dave Rickard**, who's in business school at U. Chicago. ■ **Paul Cusimano** and wife Marla Simpson '95 moved to Chicago last fall to work for nonprofit organizations—Marla for Urban Gateways, an arts in education provider, and Paul for the Chinese American Service League. ■ Chicago news: **Jon Owsley** (j-owsley@nwu.edu) is finishing his law degree at Northwestern. **Jon Parr** quit the consulting world to open an Italian deli with two hockey buddies on N. Wacker Dr. Be sure to visit Mangino's for some great food when you're in town—and look for Midd paraphernalia adorning the walls. **Jon Young** (mjyoung@gsbpop.uchicago.edu), in first year business school, found time to visit with **Jeff Collins**, who was in Chicago last fall for a history conference. ■ **Kate Unterberg** (killerkate@aol.com) quit Andersen Consulting in Chicago, traveled in Nepal, moved to San Francisco (living with Laurie Hutchins '93 and Liz Craig '93), worked for a volatile multimedia start-up company (until "volatile" turned to "bankrupt" last spring), traveled some more, and was considering business school. ■ In Guam, **Susan Lipinski** (lipinski@kuentos.guam.net) is doing environmental geology at Andersen Air Force Base. She loves the scuba diving! ■ Happy in Mexico, **Nils von Zelowitz** (nils_von_zelowitz@wcj.com) plans to attend reunions this spring! Nils works for Wunderman Cato Johnson in action marketing, leading the Latin American branch of the GLC. ■ **Peter Hirschmann**'s (peter.hirschmann@bain.com) alive and well in Hong Kong, but plots a return to Chicago. ■ Continuing her studies at Yale, **Patty Garfer** worked in Switzerland with IUCN (the World Conservation Union) last summer. ■ **Bill Tice** is trading for DLJ in London. ■ Working in Slovakia, **Sara Garcia** (slspect@internet.sk) traveled to Prague for Halloween in search of **Matt Gordon**. ■ Congratulations to *proud daddy* **Jake Donavan** (donavan_jake@jpmorgan.com) and wife Gracia. Daughter Sofia arrived on June 24! They're back in NYC after a year in JP Morgan's Buenos Aires office. ■ At Columbia, **Charlie Watson** started business school and **Sara Weale** (sew17@columbia.edu) is doing a master's in public health. ■ **Stefanie Hirsh** moved to NYC, but toured the CA wine country last summer with **Tom Garrett**. ■ In upstate NY, **Chelsea Dippel** (ccdippel@aol.com) is doing freelance book design, while trying to figure out what to do with a master's in music. ■ **Dave Weld** is finishing his master's in international affairs at Princeton. ■ When not busy studying for her master's (city and regional planning) at UNC, **Kristin Komives** (komives.dcrp@mhs.unc.edu) runs off to the Ukraine or Ethiopia to do consulting work (water and sanitation planning). ■ In Chapel Hill, NC, **Devera Hadden** seeks work as a Presbyterian minister, while husband Curtis B. Ford, Jr. (M.A. Russian '91), is in the Slavic linguistics doctoral program at UNC. ■ Now living in Macon, GA, **Molly Hudson** and Andrew Balser '93 were married on June 1. ■ Speech therapist **Mary Beth Marcotte** heads the new Boynton Beach branch of Sheree Syden Speech Rehab in FL. ■ **B.J. Okin** managed to miss the photo, but he was present for the nuptials of John '93 and **Blakely Anderson Atherton**. ■ For news of the marriage of Marla Simpson '95 and **Paul Cusimano**, refer to the photo item in the 1995 column. Both work for Chicago nonprofit organizations, Marla for Urban Gateways (an arts in education provider), and Paul for the Chinese American Service League. ■ Our 5th Reunion is drawing ever nearer, as is the end of our stint as your class scribes. We have enjoyed keeping in touch with y'all and hope we've mentioned *most* of the class **at least** once! Now we need successors. Please e-mail or write to *Midd Mag* by April 1 with your nominations, c/o Dotty McCarty, class notes editor. The lucky "winnahs" will be announced at Bread Loaf during the weekend of May 30-June 1, our 5th Reunion! ■ *PHOTO CAPTIONS:* Although bridegroom Benjamin Swainbank (Hamilton '94) missed this photo, he and **Christine Bastianelli** were married in North Danville, VT, on June 22. Midd folks attending were **Jordana Shaw**, the bride, **Denise Getty Symes**, **Jeffrey Collins**, **Sarah Chick Kuli**, and **Gavin Symes**. ■ **Jessica Kubek** and **Dean Flanagan** were married August 24 at Sleepy Hollow Country Club in NY. Midd grads in attendance were Tonje Kilen '93, Heidi Zecher '93, Nancy Olson '93, **Sandy Hume**, **Warren** and **Caroline Leary Dowd**, **Pete Steinle**, **Mike Scanlon**, **Matt Thompson**, **Jon Owsley**, Ron Willett '90, John '93 and **Blakely Anderson Atherton**, Pete Benedict '91, **Chris** and Sladja Kovijanic '93 **Carton**, Ashley and **Patrick Dyson**, Chris Fagan '93, **Tyson Freeman**, **Rick Gable**, **Michael Rex**, Ali Holtzapple '94, Todd Cridge '93, **Gary Johnston**, **Matt Gordon**, Andrew Snow '90, **Banc Jones**, Grace Garcia Lessing '91, Brad McKee '91, **Erica Moody**, **Elyse Napolitano**, **Gerry Pearce**, Suzanne Pinto '93, **Tristram Perkins**, Rod Prudencio '91, Tim Shaw '93, **Dan Thomsen**, Michael Walker '93, **Terry Wise**, Shelley Morse '95, **Lisa Healy**, and Gail Smith, tennis coach. Living in Brookline, MA, Jessica is interning in

Christine Bastianelli '92 and Benjamin Swainbank (see 1992 column)

the dept. of government and community relations at Children's Hospital, while Dean is an associate in the capital markets group at Equis Financial investment firm.

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Patrick Casey was recently awarded one of Dartmouth Medical School's highest honors, becoming one of six Syvertsen Scholars from his class. The award is based on "exemplary citizenship and academic achievement." ■ After three years in CO, **Sarah Stokes** (stokess@ksg.harvard.edu) is working on her master's in public administration at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. She keeps in touch with some '93 Bostonites and would love to hear from others via e-mail. ■ **Jennifer Normandin** (jennifer_normandin @course.com) e-mails: "I am finally a full-fledged editor at Course Technology, a college textbook publisher in Cambridge, MA. Though I minored in French, my Italian is definitely improving after three years of living in Boston's North End. I recently spoke at a career night for current Midd students and recent grads, and it ended up in a new job at my company for a member of the Class of '96. Always glad to help out a fellow alum! Boston's fantastic, but I miss VT." ■ Sgt. **Tim Scovin**, enlisted in the Army since graduation, is a year away from earning his Green Beret. He can be reached at P.O. Box 71016, Fort Bragg, NC 28307 (910/960-3288). ■ **Chip Muller** (chipperm @bu.edu) is doing his master's in religious studies at Boston Univ. ■ **Jen Gould**, who works for a trial consulting firm, lives in Hermosa Beach, CA. ■ **Jennifer Brooks** and Sinisa Pajevic were married on April 27, 1996. ■ On May 18, **Karin Seminack** and Daniel McLaughlin were married in Warrington, PA. Karin is coordinator of acquisitions for the Modern Language Assoc. in NYC. They live in Princeton. ■ **Sarah Ellwood** and **Edmond Opler** were married in Middletown, NJ, on August 24. Sarah has been a community relations and special events administrator for Harrah's in Memphis, TN. Ed is a sales executive and member of the board of directors of World's Finest Chocolate Inc., Chicago. ■ The marriage of **Hilary Seiden** and Gregg Smith took place in Purchase, NY, on September 28. Hilary is the publicity agent for the CBS News programs "48 Hours" and "CBS News Sunday Morning" in NYC. ■ **Frank Sebree**, who is in his second year at GWU Law School in DC, is working at the Pentagon, reviewing the Army's government contracts. Next summer, he'll be working for a law firm in Kansas City, MO. ■ **Kelly Rivers** has moved from Nashville, TN, to Bristol, RI, where she is an admissions counselor at Roger Williams Univ. She says she's "glad to be back in New England." ■ In Bethlehem, PA, **Eleonora Holley** is director of Lehigh Valley Summerbridge, an academic enrichment program for at-risk middle school students with college potential. All classes at Summerbridge are taught by high school and college students. ■ **Erin Hill** (ekh6@cornell.edu) started her MBA this fall at Cornell's Johnson Graduate School of Management in Ithaca, NY. ■ **Kiley Walsh** graduated in June from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government with a master's in public policy. Living in Manhattan, Kiley works for a consulting firm that works with organizations that provide education and social services. Kiley reports that **Sarah Knowles** is in her second year in the Ph.D. program in classics at Bryn Mawr; **Julie Kinley** is a corporate auditor for General Electric (she has lived in Hong Kong, Florence, and now NYC); and **Anna Kjellson** is pursuing her master's in French in Boston, having spent last summer at Midd's French School. ■ **Nicole Krieger** is living in Jackson Hole, WY, where she is a youth counselor at a group home for troubled teenagers, and she is also the justice court liaison for juveniles. She's starting Stanford Law School in fall '97. Nicole reports seeing **Katie Fischer** and **Kate Chapman** frequently. ■ **Lee Greiner** was ordained a Unitarian Universalist minister in August at the Champlain Valley UU Society in Middlebury. Lee earned her divinity degree from the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA, and also completed a hospital internship in Albuquerque, NM. ■ **Josh Miller** got his M.A. in history from the Univ. of AZ in December '95. In March '96, Josh and wife Beth Walter Miller '92 moved to Bergenfield, NJ, and Josh is now an archivist at the Museum of Television and Radio in NYC. ■ **Matthew Yeoman** was drama director at the summer American Festival for the Arts, offering theatre training for aspiring young people by day and an actor-driven professional theatre by night. **Carl Forsman** directed the cabaret program and a production of Eric Overmyer's *In Perpetuity throughout the Universe*, and **Andra Harbold** was featured in the cast of the professional productions. ■ **Rick Merriam** spent the summer in San Diego, Austin, Orlando, and Atlanta, while on assignment with the Olympic Committee. With his contract now expired, he is lounging in Denver in search of the best biking trails. Rick reports on several classmates. ■ **Bob Danielewicz** remains in the beverage distribution industry, serving the likes of John Elway and the Broncos' linebacking corps. Bob plays in two soccer leagues on the weekends, scoring whenever possible. ■ **Ross O'Hanley** has also entered the beverage distribution industry. ■ **Kirsten Shonstrom** is in financial marketing for Founders Asset Management in Denver. In her spare time she assists Tucker Hollander '91, who continues to work on his house in Evergreen, when not building and designing custom cabinetry and furniture. A small calf is the latest addition to his house. ■ **Tripp Hock** took the summer off from his Alaskan Salmon boat to enjoy the Olympics and to drive across country. By now, he's back in the British Virgin Islands, captaining a charter boat and practicing for archery in the 2000 Games in Sydney! ❖ ***PHOTO CAPTION:*** Gathering atop 14,306-foot Uncompagre Peak in southwestern Colorado in August were Lucy Flather '96, **Eric Jones, Rick Merriam**, Brooke McDonald '95, Greg Fisher '94, Lance Marx '94, **Tripp Hock**, and Jeff Kim '94, with Lucy the Dog.

Mountaintop Middlebury Montage (see 1993 column)

Daughter Olivia joined Nina Silver '93 and Miguel Echegary '93 on February 27, 1996. Celebrating her arrival were Emily Ewell '93, Nina and Olivia, Melissa Maxwell '93, and Sara Schick '93.

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Heather Dorf (fax 011-52-69-14-09-29), who taught last year in a Denver, CO, head start program, is now heading the English dept. at a private elementary school in Mazatlan, Mexico. She was visited by **Kate Briscoe** and **Lesley Tomion** (tomion@middunix.middlebury.edu), who drove across country last summer, running into **Jed Morse**, Graham Fox '95, Nancy Fallen '95, **Leo Quinn** (still in San Francisco), **Joanna Schemm** (on her way to Europe), and Tabitha Jenkins '92. Lesley is now teaching third grade in VT. ■ You can reach **Cedric Edwards** at cedwar @lsumc.edu. ■ **Will Reid** and his fledgling production company, Beautiful Balloon Productions, are being sued by the Cuban Anti-Defamation League—again. ■ **Neall Currie**, a copywriter at Quinlan Advertising, is writing, doing video production, and freelance TV sports production/editing for the local CBS affiliate. ■ When finished serving jury duty in L.A., **Gene Swift** hoped to complete final edit on a film project he wrote while at AFI. ■ In L.A., **Jon Johnstone** is picking out the right Oscar-night tuxedo to buy right after he sells his first script. ■ **Cindy Coe** transferred from Univ. of Chicago to the philosophy Ph.D. program at Univ. of OR. She and everything she owns visited Mount Rushmore, Yellowstone, and all points between Chicago and Eugene. ■ **Jen Hutchins** is in the final year of physical therapy school in Boston; **Jen Waaler** is in the final year of law school at Northern IL in DeKalb; **Adam Gilden** is completing his surgical residency in a VA hospital in Philadelphia. ■ **Jason Stull** is working at the National Disease Research Interchange in Philadelphia, while going to night school preparing for veterinary school in 1997. ■ **Liz Bales** is in vet school in Philly. ■ While full time in the ER at Denver's Children's Hospital, **Josh Kucker** is applying for medical school, as is Denver resident **Tim Bernard**. ■ **Alison Bevin** works at Oppenheimer Mutual Funds in Denver. ■ After spending the summer on Cape Cod with Andy Roebuck '96, **Jeff Eugene** is taking music composition classes in Miami. ■

Marla Simpson '95 and Paul Cusimano '92 (see 1995 column)

Kathy Kaess moved to Paris to study appraisal of French art with Christie's auction house. ■ **Steve Reale** quit JP Morgan to move to San Francisco to windsurf race and work in equity sales. ■ **Teresa Cooper** moved to NYC in November. ■ **Greg Boosin** and Peter Polson '95 are still in NYC, where Greg does equity research at JP Morgan. He recently ran into **Matt Whitcomb**, who was returning to Manhattan in December from Banker's Trust in Houston. ■ **Mary Robertson** left Alumni and Parent Programs at Middlebury to travel in Europe, planning to return and attack the job market in NYC. ■ Third year NYU law student **Mike Levin** is clerking for Paul Weiss. ■ **Nick Nebolsine** worked for three weeks in Sweden and was then applying to business schools. ■ Also applying to grad schools is **Trista Voss**, who was recently promoted at Makovsky in NYC. ■ **Karen Bowden** organizes conferences at Meridian International. ■ **Mark Feldman**, Jen Kuli '96, and cat Tatonka are still in Boston, where Mark is in BU's graduate program in screenwriting (second year). ■ **Matt Lane** is in Boston; **Mug Wright** works at the School of Fine Arts at BU; **Todd Andersen** is a sales rep for Lexmark Computer Printers. ■ **Brendan O'Leary** and Trystan Phifer '95 are in San Diego, where Brenda works at the Scripps Institute. ■ Did everyone spot **Jeff Chapman** being interviewed on MTV Sports while climbing the Sun Spire? He and two other climbers completed the first ascent of the cliffs, which took about 49 days. ■ **Monica Gibbons** was on "Nightline" as part of a focus group on the first presidential debate. ■ Adapting to forced insomnia at Columbia med school are **Louis Kim** and **Genevieve Peterson**. ■ With a master's in public health from Tulane, **Jocelin Reatiraza** is in Ecuador with the Peace Corps. ■ **Brian DeChristopher** finished a chemicals case in SC and went to a client site in Sweden, two hours north of Stockholm. Brian described Sweden as very similar to VT, but colder and darker. ■ **Christine Waasdorp** is in medical school at UVM on an Army scholarship. ■ With their master's in Health Services Administration (Univ. of MI School of Public Health, May '96), **Lori Frohlich** works at the Greater NY Hospital Assoc. and **Britt Newsome** is in med school in VA. ■ **Lance Marx** (lmarx@hanifen.com), a researcher at investment firm Hanifen Imhoff, has purchased a home in Denver's Park Hood area. Living with Lance is **Greg Fisher**, who rides his bike to and from work in the distribution dept. at One Hour Optical. Yes, even in the snow! ■ **Kate Webber** is the assistant alpine ski coach at Middlebury College this year. ■ **Erica Peterson** elp@u.washington.edu) is in her second year of medical school at the Univ. of WA in Seattle. "I've spent the past two summers in Sun Valley, ID, where I mountain bike raced semi-professionally and competed in a few triathlons. Last summer, I also completed an internship in family medicine at the Hailey Medical Clinic, where I will hopefully practice if I'm lucky!" ■ **Bo Wilmer** (bwilmer@resdat.com) "got back from four months in Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, and Indonesia this spring. Now I'm working at a GIS consulting company called Resource, Data Inc. here in Anchorage, AK, and teaching a GIS class at AK Pacific Univ." ■ The recently married **Keith Kelly** is managing Eagle Nest Lodge, a fly-fishing and bird hunting lodge in south central MT. [Please send details about your marriage, Keith!] ■ Beginning a two-year stint with the Peace Corps in September '96, **Krista Nickerson** is in Chad, Africa, helping local villages overcome their health problems. Krista previously volunteered for the Frontier Nursing Service in KY and worked on an organic farm and goat dairy in ME. ■ After a summer acting with the CO Shakespeare Festival in Boulder, **Chris Marshall** returned to UC Irvine for his second year of MFA training. Also at Irvine, David Anderson '93 will complete his MFA in 1997. ■ **Karl Pelletier** and his new dog are in OR, teaching at a Youth at Risk boarding school. ■ Teaching seventh grade at Tulsa's Holland Hall, **Kennan Radebaugh** hangs out with high school geology teacher **Matt Bingham** and **Sarah Teale**, a chemistry lab assistant and art history teacher. ■ **Michael Sayre** is in NH with **Adam Hirsch** and **Tim Loesher**. ■ **Erik Roth** has traveled "from NYC to Dallas to Mexico to Sao Paolo to London to New Delhi to Bangkok to Manila to Hong Kong to Vancouver to NYC" (selling D-8 CDs along the way); **Laura Eckert** is still kicking butt at VT Law (with frequent trips to St. Louis); **Shefali Parekh** is getting her master's in history; **Tom LaMotte** is adjusting to a school where you're just a number (unlike Midd) and volunteering at a local nursing home in the physical therapy dept.; **Delbert Chew** is living the bank consultant life in DC; **Kristen Roeder** is heading up the DC Chapter of the Middlebury Alumni Club, with the help of talented **Tynlee Roberts** (roommate of **Anne Seator**), and would love to hear from anyone in DC!

1995

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At long last the 1995 yearbook is scheduled to arrive by early 1997! ■ **Ashley Lindell** is applying for medical school, after spending last year working for the Lutheran Volunteer Corps at Hope House, a shelter for women with young children in Wilmington, DE. ■ **Shawna Burrell** reports that her work on Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney's (D-NY) re-election campaign in NY was "rigorous, stressful, thought-provoking, and fun." She planned to take a long vacation on the stroke of midnight November 5. ■ **Dan Perregaux** (dperrega@ubmed.buffalo.edu) and **Wright Frank** (wrightfra@aol.com) are living in Buffalo, NY. Dan's in his second year of medical school; Wright, still selling cellular phones, is in his first year of linguistics grad school. They'll soon be ADK 46ers! ■ Living in NYC, **Patty Zagami** is a publicity assistant for Simon and Schuster and **John Oberdiek** attends NYU. ■ **Carine Falkenberg** spent her summer in Norway and is now at NYU in the Master of Social Work program. ■ **Charlie Wyman** is a financial analyst for CS First Boston, NYC. ■ **Dave Morgan**, returned from a trip through Asia, is pursuing a photography career in TN. ■ **Rob Curr** has been traveling the country after landing a job supervising the distribution of telephone books. ■ **Jennifer Hann-Deschaine** is a special education aide at the Indian River School in NH. ■ **David Kulis** has been promoted to the position of marketing director at Ascutney Mountain Resort in VT. David is also the editor of the biannual *Ascutney Magazine*. ■ At Middlebury, **Martha Mullane** (mullane@panther.middlebury.edu) is an assistant to the dean of students and **Jen Hazen** is the environmental coordinator for the 1996-97 academic year. ■ **Dave Nalchajian** is taking pre-med classes at UVM, living in Burlington. ■ **Liz Page** has been bartending at the New England Culinary Institute in Essex Junction. ■ **Jennie Reithel**, who spent her summer at the Rocky Mountain Biology Lab, is working with biologist Christina Jones at Wellesley. ■ The July 28 marriage of Michelle Chastenay and **Eric Simpson** took place in Attleboro, MA. Eric is a geologist at ENSR Consulting in Acton. ■ Milton, MA, resident **Kristen Lovely** is a substitute teacher for grade four at Tucker School. ■ **Dave Masopust** and **Chris Whitely** spent seven months traveling through Latin America. Dave now works at an immunology lab at the Univ. of CT Health Center. ■ **Jason Prenevost** is a sixth grade science teacher in the Old Saybrook, CT, middle school, where he also coaches basketball, soccer, baseball, golf, and computer literacy. ■ **Denise Kmetzo** has returned to CT after a year in France. ■ **Adrienne Downie** and Robert Fournier were married on July 13 in PA. Adrienne is now teaching. ■ **Jill Colley** began graduate study in theology and music at Boston Univ. School of Theology in September '96. ■ Also in Boston, **Diana Flesner** is studying and teaching music classes several days a week; **Tim Bianchi** organizes trips to Europe for high schools and grade schools; **Tori von Hessert** is a paralegal; **Mark Hamre** is a financial analyst; and **Todd Gregory** is working at Children's Hospital in research hematology/oncology. ■ Living in Somerville, **Jeremy Sacco** (jsacco@gis.net) recently started working at Lotus Development, on the Web team. ■ **Tim Louzonis** (time@freedom.ned.

Leah Mital '96 and Rob Skiff '90 (see 1996 column)

org) is working at the National Endowment for Democracy in DC. He plans to start working in Russia next summer. ■ **Matt Hamilton** and Jen Kahn '96 are living in DC, where Matt attends public policy school at Georgetown. ■ **Hannah Robinson** volunteers for a DC women's shelter. ■ **Ryan Sullivan** landed a job at Georgetown Univ. as a member of the football coaching staff. ■ **John Ludwig** is working at a photogrammetry lab in CO, where he enhances aerial photos. ■ **Brooke McDonald** is a case manager for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Northern CO. ■ **Chris Osher** has a position helping the handicapped find employment in CA. ■ In L.A., **Tim Rummel** edits CD Rom cartoons for the company Seventh Level. ■ **Amy Young** is enrolled in UCLA's doctoral program in geology. ■ **Jeff Albertson** is designing World Wide Web sites at Free Range Media in Seattle. As a program manager, Jeff has been leading Web page development efforts for the likes of the Westin hotel chain and Microsoft. ■ **Masina Wright** entered the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine in September in Toronto. "I am enjoying life and miss VT immensely." ■ **Theron de Ris** (theron.ris.@gs.com) is spending another year at Goldman Sachs in Frankfurt, with hopes to return to the U.S. to pursue his MBA. ■ **Jake Kritzer** is working on a graduate degree in marine biology in Sydney, Australia, where his research deals with tiny fish of the region. ■ **Oliver** and **Sarah Morgan Truog**, married in June '95, are now living in Russia. ■ **Mollie Knox** is starting her second year of teaching in Ecuador. ■ **Megan Hathaway** is spending the year teaching English in Toyama City, Japan. ■ **Yoko Nakao** has an advertising position in Tokyo. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTION:* **Marla Simpson** and Paul Cusimano '92 were married at Mead Chapel on September 1. Celebrating with them were Scott Carroll '96, Melissa and Mustafa Topiwalla '91, Justin Ayers '92, Carl Forsman '93, Yohannes Makonnen '92, Chase Byron '94, **LaTonya Burnett**, the newlyweds, **Anna Nolin**, Ben Halpern '93, Jon Raiti '93, Steve Thirolle '94, Eric Berry '91, **Molly Craig**, Richard Romagnoli (theatre prof.), Cheryl Faraone (theatre prof.), Jason Craven '94, Ana Reeder '94, **Ariane Baczynski**, Franco Zauli '94, and Janet Lee '96. The newlyweds live in Chicago.

1996

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Kara Lachowitz (kara@firefly.net) is living in the Boston area, where she works at a computer company called Firefly Network, Inc. ■ **Adrienne Yun** is in Korea on a Fulbright Scholarship, teaching English to classes of 50 middle school boys ("Am I crazy?") and club classes of 15. "It has its ups and downs, but in general it's an amazing experience." ■ **Aaron Pearson** and **Chris Dahl** are settling into their bachelor pad in AK. Aaron is an exploration geophysicist looking for oil in the Beaufort Sea and Chris is going to Diesel School at UAA, where the motto is "it's not brain surgery, but it's close." ■ In Keene, NH, **Tonya Eza** is a reservations agent for General Tours, which operates tours in Eastern Europe, Russia, Morocco, the Middle East, Turkey, India, and Asia. ■ **Will Clark** (wclark @phoenix.co.jp) e-mails that he's "putting that poli sci degree to work as a staffer for a Japanese antiquities magazine and gallery. Nothing like a little Plato to get you started." ■ **Leslie Fesenmeyer** has begun a master's degree in social anthropology at St. Antony's College, Oxford Univ. ■ **Chris Venable** has left for a two-year Peace Corps tour in the African nation of Burkina Faso, where he will be a nurse. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTION:* **Leah Mital** and Rob Skiff '90 were married on June 8 in a ceremony performed by the Rev. Howard B. Fauntroy III '89. Midd kids with them in Albuquerque, NM, included Daron Barnard '95, Patrick Hazlewood '90, **Jen Kahn, Steve O'Neill**, Matt Hamilton '95, Mollie Knox '95, Dan Haley '95, Yolande Smallwood '89, **Lucie Flather**, the newlyweds, Bob Skiff '64, Bill Skiff '54, Jim Briggs '90, Greg Naughton '90, Kevin Bittenbender '90, Howard Fauntroy '89, Eric Jones '93, Jim Stover '90, and Justin Ayers '92. The newlyweds are living in Burlington, VT. Rob is building energy efficient houses from straw bales and Leah is working in special education in Bristol.

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

ENGLISH

Salmon Publishing of Ireland has published **Knute Skinner**'s (M.A. '54) latest book: *The Cold Irish Earth: New and Selected Poems of Ireland, 1965-1995.* ■ **Wesley McNair** (M.Litt. '75) has been named the 1997 recipient of the prestigious Sarah Josepha Hale Medal. The Medal's first recipient was Robert Frost. ■ **Thomas Herold** (M.A. '93) is teaching English at the Culver Academies in IN. He's also coaching girls' soccer and boys' lacrosse. ■ **Suzanne Curtis** (M.A. '95) is teaching high school English in the Rainier (WA) School. ■ **Robert A. Hunter, Jr.** (M.A. '95), is teaching English, creative writing, and journalism at Burr and Burton Seminary in Manchester Center, VT. He taught five years at the Linsly School in Wheeling, WV, and won the Bread Loaf Poetry Prize in 1994.

FRENCH

Nancy Topping Bazin (M.A. '58), prof. of English at Old Dominion Univ., recently received the designation of Eminent Scholar, as well as a faculty research and creativity award. She would like to hear from friends who were in France with her in 1956-57 (4005 Gosnold Ave., Norfolk, VA 23508). ■ After 40 years of teaching in the Everett (MA) school system, **Doris DiTullio** (M.A. '62) retired as foreign language dept. head on June 30. ■ **Patrice Hughes** (M.A. '67), a Sister of Charity of Greensburg, PA, is now executive assistant to the president of the National Catholic Educational Assoc. ■ **Terry Potter** (M.A. '73) (gt1704 @usma.edu) is teaching language and linguistics at West Point. He completed his Ph.D. in linguistics at Georgetown (1995). ■ The marriage of **Alison Hoxby** (M.A. '82) and Fernando Camba took place July 13 in Cincinnati, OH. ■ After having commanded Fort Hunter Liggett in CA for three years, LTC **Thomas K. McNerney** (M.A. '82) has retired from the Army. He now lives and works in the Columbus, GA, area. ■ Robert Hazelton, whose wife **Sandra Hazelton** (M.A. '86) died in the crash of TWA flight 800, has established a scholarship in Sandra's name at two high schools in OH, for seniors planning to study foreign languages. Contributions may be sent to Fairport Harbor Exempted Village Schools/Academic Boosters, 329 Vine St., Fairport Harbor, OH 44077. ■ **Robin Michelson Nourie** (M.A. '88) is working in the admissions office at Germantown Friends School in Philadelphia. ■ **Françoise Fregnac-Clave** (M.A. '90) is an assistant prof., dept. of Romance languages, at Washington and Lee Univ. in VA. ■ **Craig Gilchrist** (M.A. '93) and wife Beckett welcomed son Clark Sumner on October 8. They live in Bastrop, TX. ■ **Kempley Salerno** (M.A. '94) and Charles Bryant were married on July 5. Both teach at the Episcopal Academy in Merion, PA. ■ **Jo Ann Fralick** (M.A. '96) teaches high school French in Gilbertsville, NY, as well as teaching children's ballet. She began her college career at the age of 39, after the birth of her eight children.

GERMAN

Dietlinde Schneider Payne (M.A. '66) retired in June '96, but is still substitute teaching in German, French, and ESOL. We regret to report that her husband, Walter, died in April 1996. ■ **Timothy Allen** (M.A. '77) is the editor of the *Morning Sentinel* in Waterville, ME.

ITALIAN

Jonathan Needham (M.A. '94) has been teaching English and French in Southeast Asia, but is now teaching French, Spanish, and Latin at Carlisle School in VA. ■ **Amy Bizzarri** (M.A. '96) (abizzarri@aol.com) is a translator/editor at the Istituto Superiore di Sanita in Rome.

RUSSIAN

Retired Air Force Chaplain Col. **Denis Dirscherl** has qualified for the Senior Olympics in Tucson, AZ, in tennis and some running events (60-64 age group). He ran his 36th marathon on October 27 in DC, and he has been a professional tennis umpire since 1972. A longtime student of Russian affairs, Denis is the author of more than 150 articles and 150 reviews. ■ A teacher in Neustadt an der Weinstrasse since 1969, **Albert-Lauritz Rasmussen** (M.A. '66) introduced the teaching of Russian as a foreign language at the Gymnasium. He worked to establish good relations with the Russian School of the Embassy in Germany and was instrumental in establishing a partner school in St. Petersburg. "I also run exchanges with a partner school in England and three partner schools in Manchester, NH. My main aim is to bring together the youth of these nations, thus leading to a possible understanding of peoples." ■ **Ethan W. Shapiro** (M.A. '83) is an associate dean and instructor in modern languages at Phillips Exeter Academy. As varsity wrestling coach, his teams have won Class A and Prep School Championship titles.

SPANISH

Flora Losacco Breidenbach (M.A. '61) (breiden@cdnet.cod.edu) has returned from directing her third study abroad trip to Costa Rica (40 students). Flora is an assoc. prof. of Spanish at College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, IL. ■ Retired high school Spanish teacher **Virgil Gelormino** (M.A. '63) continues to teach, subbing two days a week. "I play tuba with the Kettering (OH) Community Band, I am cantor and 'anchor man' for two choirs at my parish. I am a 'pot & pan' man at a soup kitchen on Mondays. I wrote an autobiography of my life from age four weeks in the infant asylum to age 11 in Catholic orphanages, culminating with eight more in a state home." Virgil would like to hear from **Carlos Blanco** and **David Foltz**. ■ **Patricia E. Lewis** (M.A. '67), a Citibanker in NYC since

Kristin McComiskey (M.A. Spanish '94) and Lee Piazza (see Spanish column)

Dianna Maskell and Robert P. Wuagneux (M.A. Spanish '71) (see Spanish column)

1981, is employed as a new business development officer in the small business arena, using her Spanish language skills to network with U.N. and Hispanic business communities. Her spare time is devoted to ballroom dancing, mostly Latin dance, which she taught and performed at Sugar Loaf Resort last July. ■ **Dolores Mayberry Trimiew** (M.A. '69) was named a finalist in the Academic Chairs for Teaching Excellence teacher recognition program in the Fort Worth, TX, area. ■ Michel and **Lucy Needleman Brown** (M.A. '71) (lmbrown@accent.net) have moved back from Boston to Canada, where children Jessica (12) and Jordan (10) are attending school in French. Lucy wants to hear (514/448-3856) from Spanish School friends from VT summers of 1969-72 and Spain 1970-74. ■ Maj. Gen. **John C. Thompson** (M.A. '71) became the chair of the Inter-American Defense Board and director of the Inter-American Defense College on July 25. ■ **Ron Sobel** (M.A. '75) (sobel@catseq.catlin.edu) would like to hear from Spanish School alums of his vintage. Ron is director of admission and teaches Spanish at Catlin Gabel School, Portland, OR. ■ **Laura Peckham Cooper** (M.A. '82) teaches French and Spanish at the Berwick Academy in NH. ■ **Thomas Matthews** (M.A. '84) teaches Spanish at Weber State Univ. in Ogden, UT. ■ A former Peace Corps volunteer in Africa, **Karen Voorhees** (M.A. '84) is teaching Spanish at Hopewell Valley (NJ) Central High School. ■ **Janet Lisy Picataggio** (DML French/Spanish '86) and husband Sal welcomed daughter Jeanne Lisy Picataggio on May 15. In October, Janet was selected as Hofstra Univ./News 12's Long Island Educator of the Month. ■ **Nina DeSimone**, a teacher of Spanish at Kingswood-Oxford School, West Hartford, CT, was named the 1996 recipient of the Robert B. Swain III Memorial Award. ■ **Kathleen Crane** (M.A. '93) is teaching Spanish in NJ's West Windsor-Plainsboro High School. ■ **Sara Colburn** (M.A. '94) and Daniel Alsop were married August 17 in Oregon, WI. She teaches Spanish at IN Univ. ■ **Julie Carroll Fay** (M.A. '95), a Spanish teacher at the Williston Northampton School, has been named a co-recipient of the MA Foreign Language Assoc.'s New Teacher Commendation Award for 1996. ■ Robin Collinson and **Peter Newman** (M.A. '95) were married August 10 in Watch Hill, R.I. Peter teaches Spanish at Milton (MA) Academy. ■ **Sherry Pachman** (M.A. '96) is teaching Spanish at St. Michael's College in Burlington. ■ *PHOTO CAPTIONS:* ❖ Celebrating in Falmouth, MA, with **Kristin McComiskey** (M.A. Spanish '94) and Lee Piazza following their August 3 marriage were **Kim Schultz** (M.A. Spanish '94), **Mary Sabatini Rametta** (M.A. Spanish '95), **Kathy Kababik** (M.A. Spanish '94), **Christina Manos** (M.A. Spanish '94), the newlyweds, and Peter Terry '77. Kristin teaches Spanish at Flint Hill School in the DC suburbs. ■ Dianna Maskell and **Robert P. Wuagneux** (M.A. Spanish '71) were married October 26 in south FL. Robert is corporate director of training and development for three college campuses. Both doctoral candidates, the newlyweds plan a move back to New England in 1997.

OBITUARIES

1926

RUTH MEHURON McGILL, 92, of Northfield, VT, on October 6, 1996. With a master's from UVM, she taught English in Deposit, Binghamton, and Liberty, NY. When husband James McGill died in 1941, Mrs. McGill was named to replace him as an agent for Sinclair Oil, the first woman to hold that position in the U.S. She sold the business in 1943, moved to VT, and taught English at Spaulding High School in Barre for 26 years. She is survived by a niece, a nephew, and several grandnieces and grandnephews.

1929

MARY E. BURTIS, 90, of Verona, NJ, on November 11, 1996. With a Ph.D. from Columbia (1948), Dr. Burtis taught English at the Columbia Univ. Graduate School in NYC before retiring.

1930

ALICE GUEST HOWSON, 87, of Bloomfield, CT, on November 17, 1996. In 1948, Mrs. Howson was one of the first two women elected to the Middlebury board of trustees. She served as a term trustee and then as a charter trustee until 1979, making her participation on the board one of the longest in the College's history. She received the Alumni Plaque in 1962 and an honorary Doctor of Letters in 1980. During the 11 years she taught secondary school English, she earned a master's degree from the Bread Loaf School of English (1936) and continued her studies at the Univ. of CA and at Columbia Univ. She taught English and American literature at Vassar College for 30 years, retiring in 1976. Husband J. Howard Howson died in 1978. Survivors include stepson John Campbell Howson, stepdaughters Carol Howson Irwin and Christine Howson Roth, two brothers, and eight grandchildren. Middlebury survivors include nephews John H. Guest '73 and Peter S. Guest '77.

1931

GWENDOLYN MASON LAKE, 85, of Glen Arm, MD, on October 21, 1996. With an M.A. in French from Middlebury (1938), she was a language teacher in Rome, NY, for 16 years. She served on the boards of several community agencies, as well as knitting hundreds of mittens and caps for the needy in the Rome area. Following the death of husband Robert M. Lake in 1992, she moved to Glen Meadows Retirement Community in Glen Arm, MD. Survivors include son Alan M. Lake and two grandchildren.

HELEN LEGATE ROBERTS, 86, of Shelburne Falls, MA, on September 17, 1996. With a master's from Columbia (1938), Mrs. Roberts taught in three schools in NY state and at the former Roberts School in Shelburne, MA. She was executive director of the Greenfield Girls Club for seven years and became field director for the Northeast area. She then worked with the Franklin County Extension Service in Greenfield, retiring in 1980. Survivors include son John L. Roberts, daughter Judith Lawler, and one granddaughter.

1932

FREDERICK W. HAYWARD, 86, of Melbourne, FL, on September 16, 1996. With a doctorate in chemistry (Cornell 1936), he was a research chemist at the NY State Agricultural Experimental Station in Geneva and at the Univ. of Chattanooga (TN) Industrial Research Institute, and was listed in *Who's Who in American Science* (1960s) for his work in food research. He retired from the Univ. of Florida's Citrus Experiment Station in Lake Alfred in 1975. Survivors include son Robert Hayward, daughter Ruth Smail, brother Benjamin Hayward, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

1933

MARGARET SCOTT ANDERSON, 84, of Hydeville, VT, on April 13, 1995. Mrs. Anderson was a teacher of special education for 21 years in Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties in MD. In retirement, she was active in the Audubon Society and the Garden Club of Spring Hill, FL. Survivors include daughters Gail Bryant and Jean Anderson Perry '61, a sister, and seven grandchildren. Her husband, Carl E. Anderson, died in 1985.

KENNETH E. DODD, 84, of Plymouth, MA, on August 1, 1996. A former employee of Dunn & Bradstreet, Mr. Dodd was credit manager for DeMambro Electronics Co. for 25 years, retiring in 1976. He is survived by Helen (Baer), his wife of 57 years; son Donald W. Dodd, daughter Pauline R. Boc, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

1934

ELIZABETH FRENCH, 83, of Farmingdale, ME, on November 9, 1996, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. A longtime resident of Laconia, NH, Miss French was an assistant to a dental surgeon there for 35 years. She was preceded in death by her sister, Helen French LaCasce '28, in 1982. Survivors include two nephews, two grandnephews, and three grandnieces.

1936

CONRAD HOEHN, JR., 82, of West Harwich, MA, on October 28, 1996, at home. He served with the Army Air Corps in World War II. With a master's in education from the Univ. of NH, Durham, Mr. Hoehn taught in the Ossining (NY) schools for 43 years, retiring in 1979 and moving to Cape Cod in 1981. He coached basketball and baseball, as well as announcing basketball tournaments for many years. Survivors include wife Harriet (Harp), son Russell H. Hoehn, daughters Suzanne Hoehn and Jill Muraski, four grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

FREDERICK KELSEY NASH, SR., 83, of North Conway, NH, on October 22, 1996. As a boarding school teacher, Mr. Nash also coached hockey and skiing. He was a quality control engineer for Phalo Plastics in Worcester, MA, for many years, then worked for a job placement company in Greenville, RI, retiring to NH in 1985. Survivors include sons Frederick, Jr., John, Edwin, and Robert; daughters Kathleen Sosny and Jeanne Limmer; 13 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Mr. Nash's aunt, the late Bertha M. Kelsey, graduated from Middlebury in 1903.

1937

HELEN SHEA COSGROVE, 81, of Worcester, MA, on October 15, 1996. Mrs. Cosgrove was a Latin and English teacher at the Grafton Street Junior High School in Worcester until 1944. She leaves her husband of 52 years, Dr. James F. Cosgrove; son James F. Cosgrove IV; daughters Suzanne M. Jones, Mary E. Cosgrove, and Martha E. Beale; two brothers, three sisters, and six grandchildren.

1938

LILLIAN MOWATT CRITCHFIELD, 79, of Cleveland, GA, on August 2, 1996. A former resident of Atlanta, Mrs. Critchfield was a buyer for Davison-Paxon Company in Atlanta until

1940. She was a member of the Blueridge Goodwill Circle and the D.A.R. Tomochichi chapter. Preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Phillip Critchfield, she is survived by sons John B. Critchfield and Stephen K. Critchfield, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

1939

LEONARD D. GALASSI, 80, of New York, NY, on November 19, 1996. He continued his studies at Harvard and served as a second lieutenant in the Army during World War II. He retired from a career in journalism in 1979 as photo editor for the *New York Daily News*. His wife, Dora (Kowarski), died on November 5, 1996. He is survived by a sister, Laura Conlon; three nephews, including Charles L. Mraz '53; and a stepdaughter.

ELIZABETH HEWARD JACKSON, 79, of Springfield, PA, on September 8, 1996. After attending Temple Medical School, she spent three wartime years at Smith, Kline & French Labs in the organic chemistry department, where she helped in the preparation of the first batch of microcrystalline sulfathiazole for the first hospital unit overseas. She later joined Wyeth Labs, where she spent 33 years in the promotion and advertising department. After retiring in 1984, she became a volunteer at the Deaf/Hearing Communications Center. Survivors include son Barry R. Jackson, daughter Barbara J. Cunningham, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a brother.

CORA FARRIER WADE, 78, of Westboro, MA, on November 14, 1996. A member of the First Congregational Church of Natick, she was retired from the offices of Ludlow Manufacturing of Needham. Her husband, Howard W. Wade '40, died in 1944. She is survived by son Peter Wade '66, a brother, a grandson, and many nieces and nephews, including Sanford Farrier '71.

1940

FRANKLIN W. MYERS, 78, of Rochester, NY, on July 14, 1996. As a Marine Corps officer during World War II, he saw action on Guam and at the invasion of Okinawa, and in China. He retired in 1982 as a sales manager at Simcona Industrial Electronics Corp., but remained active in his home-based antique furniture restoration business. Survivors include wife Janet, daughter Jane Myers Hunter '64, and two nieces.

1941

SAMUEL J. BERTUZZI, 78, of Oneonta, NY, on October 30, 1996, at home. A fighter pilot in World War II in the South Pacific, he retired as a lieutenant commander and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart. After serving as Postmaster of Oneonta from 1950 to 1982, he became an instructor in Italian at the State Univ. College at Oneonta. His wife, Angeline (Lambros), died in September 1995. Surviving are daughters Lisa Bertuzzi, Adrienne MacGuffie, and Christina O'Malley; son John Bertuzzi, a brother, two sisters, and five grandsons.

RICHARD L. STOLPER, 76, of Geneseo, NY, on August 12, 1996. A veteran of World War II, he served with the Army Air Corps in Okinawa. With a Ph.D. from Columbia, Dr. Stolper taught at Horace Mann School for Boys, Ball State, and SUNY at Geneseo, until his retirement in 1984. He is survived by wife Helen (Swift), daughter Vicky, sons David and Jared, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

1943

EDWARD E. SHEA, 75, of Windsor, CT, on September 1, 1996. An Army captain during World War II, he was awarded the Silver Star for Valor and the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat in the Battle of the Bulge and the crossing of the Rhineland. He was employed for 38 years at Bassick Caster Co. in Bridgeport, retiring as sales manager in 1985. Besides his wife, Constance Trottier Shea '40, he is survived by son Thomas E. Shea '73, daughter Linda Shea Flanders '74, two grandchildren, and a brother, Richard J. Shea '50.

1945

GUY M. PAGE, JR., 71, of Colchester, VT, on November 25, 1996, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. He served in the Navy during World War II and graduated from UVM in 1948. A third generation VT lawyer, he practiced law for many years in Burlington and Colchester. As a longtime member of the Colchester Planning Commission, he received the Citizen Planner of the Year Award in 1992. Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Janet (Clark); sons Joel, John, Daniel, and Guy Page III; daughter Sarah Page; 11 grandchildren, and a sister.

1949

JAMES EDMUND SULLIVAN, JR., 73, of Salisbury, VT, on September 10, 1996. A staff sergeant in the Marine Corps during World War II, he served in the South Pacific. At Middlebury, he became involved with local history and geography. He worked for a pharmaceutical distributing firm and in advertising for a medical journal. Since moving to Salisbury 18 years ago, he has served as deacon and historian at the Salisbury Congregational Church. Survivors include his wife of 20 years, Margaret (Moulton), daughters Beverlee Drury and Becky Wright, a sister, two grandchildren, and two step-grandchildren.

1952

WILLIAM L. CURRAN, JR., 66, of Carmel, IN, on August 29, 1996. With a medical degree from NYU, Dr. Curran was a surgeon in Latrobe, PA, for 19 years. He retired as medical director of Indy Rehab in Indianapolis, IN. He leaves wife Joan (Reopell); sons William L. III and Thomas L; daughters Debra Hock, Wendy Reidy, and Jamie Ayer; two brothers, three sisters, and six grandchildren. Middlebury survivors include a nephew, Brian S. Smith '83, and a niece, Gretchen Smith Dewan '83.

MARTHA BELDEN JACKSON, 66, of Cornwall, VT, on October 13, 1996, after a long illness with Lou Gehrig's disease. Mrs. Jackson served as National Alumni Chair for Annual Giving for the College, receiving the Alumni Plaque Award in 1982 for her work in that position and for her many services to the College. She served on several committees of the Middlebury Alumni Association and was president of the Fairfield County (CT) Club. A dealer in antique quilts and flow blue china for the past 10 years, she participated in many shows in New England and New York. Before moving to the Middlebury area, Mrs. Jackson lived in Riverside, CT, where she was active in the Junior League of Greenwich, the Riverside Yacht Club, and the Flow Blue International Collectors Club. She is survived by husband Willard T. Jackson '51, son Jeffrey Scott Jackson, daughters Anne Belden Jackson and Susan Jackson-Levine, two sisters, and two grandchildren.

EDWARD CARROLL STOLLENWERCK

January 21, 1915-October 5, 1996

When honorary degree recipient Edward Carroll Stollenwerck died last fall, Middlebury College lost an amazing and unique supporter. Although Stoney (as he was affectionately known) was never a Middlebury student himself, he made it possible for others to come to Middlebury—people who might never have gone to college at all.

Stoney, an investment banker in New York City, and wife Mary Joe assisted high school graduates from inner-city immigrant neighborhoods in New York, areas where youngsters were not academically motivated and felt they had little chance of entering the arena of academic/professional advancement. Stoney realized that a nondenominational, coeducational college like Middlebury would be the best setting for these students, who had gone to single gender, religious schools.

Few kids in "the neighborhood" graduated from high school and those who did were poorly prepared for college academically or psychologically, so Stoney sent them to prep school for a year. In the words of the first such student, Gerry Noonan '58, "The scholarship provided by the Stollenwercks included full tuition, room and board, a spending allowance (supplemented by extra quarterly checks), all transportation expenses, and every stitch of clothing I wore for those five years." As a result of the Stollenwercks' largesse, more students from the neighborhood came to Middlebury and attitudes in the neighborhood itself began to change as more first generation Americans took high school academic programs, knowing that other youngsters had made it into college. With higher education came greater aspirations and realizations.

As "Stoney's boys" established successful careers, they joined the Stollenwercks' efforts. A group of them founded Sponsors for Education Opportunity (SEO), with Stoney's continued support, bringing to Middlebury such outstanding people as the late Arnold McKinney '70. SEO continues to provide scholarships.

All this came about because of Stoney's unselfish concern for the welfare of others and his belief that the general welfare of society is the proper goal of an individual's actions. This is a man who really made a difference. We convey the sympathies of the College to his wife Mary Joe (Wood), their daughter Mary Lynch, their sons Richard and James, their eight grandchildren (including Gabriel Stollenwerck '89 and Amanda Stollenwerck '94), and their two great-grandchildren.

CHARLOTTE OLSEN McINTYRE, 66, of Cheshire, CT, on October 14, 1996. A resident of Cheshire for 29 years, Mrs. McIntyre was a volunteer for Hospice in Cheshire and Meriden and for Veterans Memorial Medical Center in Meriden. She is survived by daughters Karen McIntyre Jarvis '75 and Elspeth Ashmore, a brother, and five grandchildren. She was predeceased by husband John M. McIntyre and by son James McIntyre.

1959
MARJORY SPARRE BURKE, 59, of Westfield, NJ, on October 12, 1996, at home, after a long battle with diabetes. With certification in church business administration from Candler School of Theology of Emory Univ. (GA), Mrs. Burke held administrative positions with churches in Plainfield and Westfield, NJ. She was the first woman to serve as stage manager for the Westfield Community Players. She toured Europe seven times with a singing group from the First United Methodist Church (Westfield) and directed the adult handbell choir. Survivors include her husband, the Rev. Dr. William A. Burke, Jr.; daughter Maren Burke Sugarman; two sisters; and a granddaughter.

1987
SHELLEY A. COLANGIONE, 31, of Loudonville, NY 12211, on September 29, 1996, following an 11-year illness. She leaves her parents, Diane Morgan and Louis Colangione.

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

1930
ETHEL MANNING GIUFFRA, M.A. French, 93, of Montclair, NJ, on August 12, 1996. She was a French and Latin teacher at Montclair High School.

1934
HARRIET MASON FULTON, M.A. French, 100, of Montpelier, VT, on November 1, 1996. She taught high school in Edgartown, Whitman, and Wakefield, MA.

1939
MARTHA BOWDITCH ALDEN, M.A. German, 84, of Charlottesville, VA, on November 15, 1996. She taught German at TX Technological College and the Univ. of VA.

1942
E. LOUISE LEONARD, French, of Frederick, MD, on August 26, 1996. She taught French at Hood College from 1926 to 1970.

1966
ELEANOR C. STOUT, M.A. English, 83, of Zelienople, PA, on August 17, 1996. She retired as chair of the English dept. at Seneca Valley High School after 43 years in the district.

1968
ELIZABETH W. HOUSTON, M.A. English, 59, of Bedford, MA, on October 15, 1996, after a lengthy battle with cancer. She was an editor for more than 30 years.

1970
LENORE PADULA-FITZGERALD, M.A. Italian, 63, of Watertown, MA, on October 13, 1996, of breast cancer. She taught at Bridgewater State College until her retirement due to illness last year.

1975
LINDA LEPINSKE SHINNOCK, M.A. Spanish '75, of Westerville, OH, on October 18, 1995, of breast cancer.

MCAA NOMINEES

Slate of MCAA Nominees for 1997

For the term of office beginning July 1, 1997, the slate of nominees for director on the Board of Directors of the Middlebury College Alumni Association is:

Alumni Director: Kim P. Loewer '76
Michelle M. Millin '88
Cynthia L. Strong '81
Jean Rau Dawes '61

Additional names for the ballot must be received by March 1. Included must be a letter of acceptance signed by the nominee, updated biographical information, a photo of the nominee, and 200 signatures endorsing the nominee. Please send this information to: Alumni Office, Kirk Alumni Center, Middlebury College, Middlebury VT 05753.

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ALUMNI CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

21	Men's Alumni Basketball, Middlebury
27	Lecture Series, Jay Parini, Vero Beach

MARCH

14-24	Alumni Tour, Egypt
28	Opera Night/*Aida,* NYC

APRIL

3	Los Angeles Reception, President McCardell
4	Seattle Reception, President McCardell
7	Portland, ME, Reception, Mike Schoenfeld
9	Washington, DC, Reception, President McCardell
10	Chicago Reception, President McCardell

MAY

3-4	Tribute to Emory Fanning, Middlebury
30	Alumni Reunions (May 30-June 1)

For information about events, call the Alumni Office at (802) 443-5183

NOTICES

Fanning Tribute

Come join in a celebration of Emory Fanning's 30 years of music making at Middlebury. May 3-4 will be a celebratory weekend of music on campus, featuring Brahms's *A German Requiem* conducted by Professor Fanning with a chorus of alumni, the College Choir, and community singers. Alumni are invited to sing with the College Choir in a special chapel service on May 4. For further information contact Beth Smith: (802) 443-5626, fax (802) 443-2061, e-mail Elizabeth.P.Smith@Middlebury.edu

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MCAA Cape Cod Golf Outing

Friday and Saturday, May 16 and 17, 1997

Open to Midd alumni, family, and friends; Friday evening reception; for information contact: Win Cobb, Box 1052, Dennis, MA 02638; telephone: (508)760-2909.

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Jewish Studies Newsletter — "The Ark," a newsletter about Jewish studies and Jewish life at Middlebury, is available to all alumni. To be added to the mailing list write Kim Smith, Records, Forest Hall, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753.

EDUCATED OPINION

by Elizabeth Morgan '97

FREE AT LAST (DON'T MAKE ME GO!)

There are about 500 of us here on campus taking our final courses during this, our final semester of our college career. Some are approaching the enormity of this event with fear (they are the ones clinging desperately to the pillars of Mead Chapel, hoping to be a part of next year's residential life staff). Others already have one foot over the mountain pass. They've packed their Land Rovers, traded in their hiking boots for Bruno Magli loafers, and they're counting the days till they can conquer the world. The rest of us are just floating in and out of the dining halls with emotionally charged ambivalence.

Being a senior is being filled with hope and dread simultaneously. Resumes, cover letters, interviews, and the possibility of rejection countered by the prospect of $30,000 starting salary including dental insurance. Ready or not, it's time to move on.

The comfortable routine of four classes, three meals a day, Commons-sponsored events, and social houses on probation will be passed down to the next regime of bright young minds as our bright old minds find new ways to pass the time. And this time around, there will be no unlimited credit Visa offers, no student discounts, no real sense of security. The friends we have come to take for granted won't be stopping by on their way home from the library, they'll be eating Ramen noodles and drinking polluted tap water in unheated apartments worldwide.

For us, now there is the application for a diploma—the debate over full middle name or just middle initial, which continues to thrive. There is the finality of choosing a picture for the yearbook and the realization that you look the same as you did in the freshman facebook. There are the underclassmen who thoughtlessly sit at our thesis carrels and litter our workspaces with the torn ends of notebook paper. There is the class ring representative who arrives in Proctor and tries to sell you a piece of gold to commemorate the best years of your life.

We're old. When we watch *Dead Poet's Society*, we're four years older than Ethan Hawke. Holden Caulfield from *The Catcher in the Rye*, is younger than our youngest brother.

There is the fact that every time an annual event rolls around, it becomes the "last." We just had our last Halloween at Middlebury and our last Christmas break. This year we'll be the ones in the running for Winter Carnival king and queen. Why doesn't it seem very royal? We're old. Old enough to do just about anything legally except run for president. When we watch *Dead Poet's Society*, we're four years older than Ethan Hawke, and when we reread *The Catcher in the Rye*, Holden Caulfield is younger than our youngest brother. We remember the past, the way things were when the pool was in McCullough and they played music in the fitness center. We remember when they didn't have a bouncer at Angela's. But now the senior gift flow chart on the wall in the mailroom applies to us.

The countdown has begun. Once J-term has passed, the light at the end of the tunnel will be shining directly in our eyes. Whether it's med school, law school, grad school, the Peace Corps, Wall Street, Telluride, or backpacking penniless through the Basque country of northern Spain, it won't be Middlebury College.

In the real world the mountains might not be quite as green as they are here in Vermont, and everyone probably won't have a different color of the same Patagonia jacket, but we'll be prepared to meet the world on its own terms. And Middlebury will always be the place we spent four years, the place we made our best friends, and learned our deepest lessons. ■

Elizabeth Morgan '97, from Shrewsbury, Mass., has no plans (yet) for next year.

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IT ISN'T EVEN HIS SCHOOL . . .

Eugene Morrison is a Midd spouse, not a Midd alumnus. But he has adopted the school to which his wife, Frances Majoros Morrison '43, introduced him. He likes Middlebury, and he also likes the benefits of the unitrust set up in honor of his wife's 50th Reunion. Through the unitrust he gave once to Middlebury—and then again, and then again . . . and the College hopes to hear from him a fourth time.

In conversation recently Gene remarked, "I can't believe I'm doing this. I must be crazy," because his donations to education, as well as a portion of his investment portfolio, are going to his wife's alma mater and not to his own. But the facts of these unitrust investments—in his own financial future, as well as in Middlebury's future—serve him well.

A unitrust offers a range of benefits that can help many people reach their financial goals. You can increase your income, bypass capital gains taxes, take advantage of free lifetime trust management, earn major gift credit, and—in the end, when you don't need this asset for your family or yourself—make a contribution to Middlebury. Gene and Frances Morrison enjoy these benefits, which explains why they keep adding to their unitrust, again and again and again.

The unitrust is one of many planned giving options available at the College. Please write or call to discuss your specific situation.

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